
Douluo Dalu

V08 – Emperor Team

Tang Jia San Shao

050 – Jade Phosphor Violet Poison

Part 1

Dai Mubai Jumped into the air, pouncing towards the twin Black Tortoise Spirit Masters, while Tang San just stood there, in the middle of all his blue-silver grass on the ground. At this point, a strand loosely wrapped around his waist gently pulled him back,

allowing him to land, causing the Thunder Dragon Claw to barely miss Dai Mubai and pass overhead.

Yu Tian-Heng's Thunder Dragon Claw flashed across an additional 20 meters in the air before finally dissipating. As it passed through empty air, it would violently twist the air, giving menacing crackles.

The fight really started with this crackling. As Dai Mubai landed, he didn't even pause for a moment, with Tang San in the middle of the formation^[1], Shrek Seven Devil had already become used to fighting in this formation, combining their powers and fighting as one in order to narrow the gap that is their spirit levels.

Dai Mubai stuck his foot out, in an attempt to sweep kick the legs of both the currently advancing Shi brothers.

Zhu Zhuqing and Xiao Wu at the same time, dodged to the sides, bypassing the Shi brothers and rushed toward the rear of the Emperor Team.

The Shi brothers' shells noisily fell as both legs retracted into their shells within a hair's breadth of Dai Mubai's attack. Seeing that Dai Mubai would only kick the shells, the blue silver Grass wrapped around his waist again acted, pulling him back one meter, making his kick sweep the air instead.

If Tang San only had the spirit Blue Silver Grass, he would not have been able to control every strand of blue-silver grass as skillfully as one controlled one's arms, after all, it is never easy to correctly

control everything and produce good results. However, with the Tang Sect's Controlling Crane Catching Dragon skill, Tang San had complete control over everything going on on the stage.

Before, when Dai Mubai's tiger claws hit the enemies' tortoise shells, Tang San saw everything clearly. He knew that the twin Black tortoise Spirit master's defensive abilities was not something that anyone on their team, with their current spirit power, could break through. If Dai Mubai had connected that kick on the shells, he would've ended up hurting himself first.

And as the only one with a spirit level anywhere close to the opponent's main force, Dai Mubai must not be so easily injured.

When Yu Tian-Heng, who was in the air, saw his Thunder Dragon Claw failed to hit anything, he was momentarily shocked. Quickly recovering, with one foot stepping on the shells of the black tortoises' shells, he catapulted himself forward, rushing straight for Tang San behind Dai Mubai. the Blue Lightning Dragon's arm moved again and another Thunder Dragon Claw appeared, this time its target changing to Tang San.

As the captain of the Emperor team, Yu Tian-Heng saw that the opponent's most important member was not Dai Mubai with the greatest Spirit level, but instead the one using Blue silver grass to wrap around every member's waist, the Control System Spirit Master, Thousand Hand Asura.

As long as they destroy this weakness, then the Shrek Seven Devil's formation would crumble by itself.

When Yu Tian-Heng shot out his Thunder Dragon Claw attack again, he was already facing Tang San on the battlefield. Yet he was surprised to find that the opponent's control system Spirit Master's eyes had completely turned purple. In addition to his quick footwork, his entire person seemed unreal.

But in that mysterious footwork, his upper body was still, His entire person had already shifted 8 feet away, causing the Thunder Dragon Claw to noisily land on the ground.

As Tang San was using his Ghost Shadow Perplexing Steps to shift away, his first spirit ring flashed and countless blue silver grass rose from the ground, wrapping around the airborne Yu Tian-Heng. At the same time, the blue-silver grass around Tang San's Teammates' waist suddenly taut. In a flash, a strange scene appeared on the battlefield.

On the Emperor team's side, Osler, the black panther Spirit Master, jumped forward to receive Zhu Zhuqing's rush.

Up in the air, the Wind Chime Bird Spirit Master's first spirit ring flashed, the wind whistling as he flew towards Xiao Wu, with arms which had transformed into wings^[2], suddenly became razor sharp. Which was his first Spirit Ring Ability, "Wing Edge".

And as these two Emperor Team's main offensive Spirit Masters were just about to close in on their opponents, without warning their opponents disappeared. Just before disappearing, Xiao Wu could still smile and wave at the wind Chimes Bird Spirit Master Yu Feng, obviously, this was all part of the plan.

Two graceful figure was thrown into the air, not rushing forward, but flying backwards. Together with them was the Evil Eye Tiger Spirit Master Dai Mubai, who also retreated before the Black Tortoise Spirit Masters' very faces. Shrek Seven Devil's three frontline attackers withdrew at the same time. All, with a common objective.

"Not good. We fell into their trap. Quickly, attack."

Dugu Yan's expression quickly changed. The Jade Phosphor Serpent's body quickly rushing forward. The other Emperor Team teammates also recognized a bad situation, but their reactions were slower by a moment.

Purple flames surging from Ma Hongjun's body suddenly soared, this was closely followed by the two spirit rings around his body flashing. A stream of purple flame as thick as a man's thigh shot out straight towards the Blue Electric Tyrant Dragon Spirit Master Yu Tian-Heng.

All that was happening was all in Tang San's calculations. Dai Mubai's attack was only to act as a bait and attract the opponent's

attention. Knowing that the Shi brothers specialised in defense, their team had never expected Dai Mubai to be able to defeat the stone brothers quickly.

Yet, when Tang San used the Blue Silver Grass to help Dai Mubai to evade the Thunder Dragon Claw, he wasn't afraid Dai Mubai wouldn't be able to take the attack, but most importantly, it was to let Yu Tian-Heng notice him.

Yu Tian-Heng was fooled till the end. In other words, deep in his heart, he had underestimated these seemingly much weaker opponents and thus was careless. In addition to being misled by Xiao Wu and Zhu Zhuqings' rush attack, resulting in him making a fatal error, to wade in deep behind enemies' lines alone.

Under his feet, the madly binding Blue Silver Grass was inescapable. In front of him, with an extreme heat, bringing his outrageously brilliant Phoenix Fire was the Phoenix Spirit Master lunging. Behind him, was the the Evil Eye White Tiger, the Soft Boned Demon Rabbit and the hell civet cat as the three main attackers who cut off any escape routes.

The Yu Tian-Heng was already in a completely hopeless scenario.

Before the battle, the Shrek Seven Devils came together and talked about their opponents in detail, but no matter how they analyzed it, they all understood that the opponents this time were much stronger than themselves. Based on competing in pure spirit power, it was physically impossible to win. Thus they had to rely on the strength of the team as a whole.

The strongest in the Emperor team would be their strength attacker, the Blue Lightning Tyrant Dragon, Yu Tian-Heng. Not only was his spirit power the highest, he was also the Emperor team's captain. There was no doubt that his offensive strength was the sharpest point in their spear, and was even their team's morale. If the tip of this spear is broken, then there wouldn't be such a big gap in this Spirit Battle anymore.

With his body in the air, Yu Tian-Heng couldn't escape Tang San's Blue Silver Grass. Within moments, he was completely covered.

Without caring about the Blue Silver Grass wrapping around him, he moved his right arm, shooting another Thunder Dragon Claw, which clashed with the Phoenix Fire Wire shot by Ma Hong-Jun.

The resulting detonation sounded off a rolling thunder, scattering numerous purple sparks in all directions, just like a dazzling fireworks blooming.

Although it was only Yu Tian-Heng's first spirit ability, his spirit power was much larger than that of Ma Hong-jun's. Thus, it only required his Thunder Dragon Claw to tear apart Ma Hongjun's Phoenix Fire Wire attack.

Yu Tian-Heng, naturally knew that he was in an extreme state of peril. Under the pressure of such danger, he released all his stored energy, both his third and second spirit ring flashed. At this moment, he didn't have any reservations, as long as he could break through this absolute kill plan, then this group spirit battle's victory would belong to Emperor Team.

The Blue Lightning Tyrant Dragon raged into action with its Thousand Year spirit ring ability. All of a sudden, a storm of blinding blue lightning burst forth from all around Yu Tian-Heng's body. Accompanied by the tremendous sound of an explosion, the Blue Silver Grass wrapped around his body instantly turned into ashes as it scattered in all directions..

Thunder Fury^[3], effect: within a certain period of time, the Blue Lightning tyrant Dragon Spirit Master would run wild. His lightning abilities were increased by a hundred percent and his spirit power was increased by fifty percent.

If he didn't take the initiative to stop the ability, it would continue until he exhausted his spirit power.

But, everytime he used Thunder Fury, he would have to sacrifice a large amount of spirit power, also, it placed no small amount of burden on the body. It was a sink-or-swim situation, if it wasn't for this dangerous trap, Yu Tian-Heng would never so easily use his third spirit ability.

Blue Silver Grass itself was originally not conductive, but because the inherent power of Thunder Fury was too great, the Blue-Silver grass could not stop its explosive energy.

But as Thunder Fury was explosively released, a streak of purple flame suddenly bombarded Yu Tian-Heng in the chest. His Thunder Dragon Claw was, after all, only a first spirit ring ability. Although the Phoenix Fire Wire was blown apart, how could Fatty's Spirit variation's abilities be so easily dealt with. Here, the Phoenix Fire Wire showed its superiority with its apparent endlessness. Taking advantage of opponent's momentary pause when the Blue silver grass was blasted away, the heavy bombardment had already landed on Yu Tian-Heng's body.

Yu Tian-Heng howled loudly, but he ignored the Phoenix Fire Wire's bombardment and forcefully turned his body in mid air, turning around to face Dai Mubai and the other two who were charging at him from behind, shouting,

“Thunder Crash^[4]!”

At this point, the countless Snakes of lightning coiling around his body expanded and exploded outwards into countless streaks of lightning flashing in all directions.

This, was the real strength of Yu Tian-Heng's fully charged attack, under Lightning Fury's hundred percent increase, his second ability, Thunder Crash exploded out with unmatched strength.

Initially as it exploded, it clashed with Fatty's Phoenix Fire Wire breaking it and diverting majority of Thunder Crash towards Dai Mubai, Xiao Wu and Zhu Zhuqing.

Yu Tian-Heng believed that as long as it was able to block them, maybe even injure them, then under the influence Thunder Fury, he would be able bring the opponents a large amount of destruction.

Part 2

But then, he basically didn't need to retreat, his companions would

also reach this side of the battlefield, attacking and dispersing the opponents.

Shrek Seven Devils were able to obtain a twenty seven bouts, twenty seven win record in Suotuo Great Spirit Arena, how could they be so easily beaten. Although Yu Tian-Heng's Blue Lightning Tyrant Dragon Spirit was immensely strong, right now he was a single soldier behind enemy lines, all alone.

Zhu Zhuqing and Xiao Wu's silhouettes quietly vanished, disappearing behind Dai Mubai's back. The starting point of the Blue Silver Grass twisting around their waists was Tang San, when approaching Tang San, the three clearly would again close together, and this first priority was naturally due to Tang San's control with Blue Silver Grass.

Dai Mubai confronted Yu Tian-Heng from the front, Zhu Zhuqing and Xiao Wu taking the second and third places behind his back.

And at the same time as Yu Tian-Heng released his third spirit ability Thunder Fury, Dai Mubai also equally released his thousand year spirit ring ability, White Tiger Vajra Transformation.

His body, already made imposing from Spirit Body Enhancement, now swelled again, muscles swelling exaggeratedly, his clothes bursting completely, exposing a terrifying muscle outline, most bizarre were the black horizontal stripes that appeared on his skin.

A pair of tiger paws again growing a size, the sharp blades ejecting on top becoming silver, and most peculiarly was his body becoming enveloped in an intense golden light, as if gilded. Blood red double pupils expressing a bloodthirsty light, all over wearing that kind of king among beasts aggressiveness.

Dragon and Tiger, equal powers among spirits, even if Tiger was slightly inferior to Dragon, the gap was only a fine line, and Dai Mubai's spirit power when compared to Yu Tian-Heng's was also only one rank below, that's all.

Accompanying a berserk tiger roar, the double pupils of Dai Mubai's evil eyes instantly united, a ball of dazzling white light released from

under the golden light of White Tiger Vajra Transformation, the white light swelling in the air, reaching a diameter of two meters, just like a shooting star launching towards Yu Tian-Heng.

Equally power attack system Spirit Masters, equally powerful spirits. Dai Mubai and Yu Tian-Heng's spirit abilities were somewhat similar, as White Tiger Light Wave under the effect of White Tiger Vajra Transformation met Thunder Crash under the effect of Thunder Fury, what would happen?

Thunder arrow and intense light wave collided in the air with a loud bang. The entire spirit ring trembled violently a moment, the terrifying explosive force became an intense blast wave that flew out in all directions.

Doudou hovered high in the air observing what went on down below, a burst of dazzling blue white light blossoming before her eyes, stupidly thought out loud:

"Is, is this really a spirit fight between Spirit Elders?"

After Thunder Crash launched, Yu Tian-Heng was already falling to the floor. Dai Mubai equally dropped, the all out collision of spirit power and spirit abilities making the two practically simultaneously withdraw, Yu Tian Heng retreated three steps, but Dai Mubai only withdrew two steps. At the corner of the mouth both had a line of blood, clearly, in the confrontation just now Dai Mubai held the advantage.

That wasn't to say that Dai Mubai was capable of overpowering Yu Tian-Heng. Rather because Yu Tian-Heng had previously already suffered Fatty's flame attack, although Thunder Fury had counteracted the flame, Fatty's Phoenix Fire Wire wasn't only more blazing than an equivalent flame, at the same time it had the adhering effect, right now Yu Tian-Heng's chest was already burnt pitch black.

Furthermore, although Thunder Crash's attack power was terrifying, nevertheless it was intended to kill or injure, while Dai Mubai's attack was a shock blow. In spirit power density, clearly it was Dai Mubai's White Tiger Light Wave that held the advantage. Despite this, Yu

Tian-Heng only retreated one more step than Dai Mubai, it could clearly be seen what kind of tyrannical existence the Blue Lightning Tyrant Dragon was.

It was a pity Ning Rongrong's Seven Treasure Glazed Tile Pagoda presently didn't have any amplifying effect on spirit abilities, only amplifying strength and speed. Otherwise, with Dai Mubai's one attack, they could have given the opponent a great setback.

Although on the surface it seemed like Dai Mubai had suffered a somewhat smaller attack, right now his body was already completely paralysed, White Tiger Barrier and White Tiger Vajra Transformation couldn't completely offset the lightning strength supplemented in the Thunder Crash.

But, it wasn't just Dai Mubai launching an attack towards the opponent alone, rather all the Shrek Seven Devils. Dai Mubai's attack had ended, the Thunder Crash had also dissipated to the front. It was also at this time, a quick silhouette quietly flickered, appearing from behind his back.

Hell Rush Stab increased Zhu Zhuqing's speed to the limit, even to the extent that her body left behind remnant shadows in the air, the two spirit rings over her simultaneously flashing suddenly. Yu Tian-Heng still hadn't found his footing when Zhu Zhuqing already appeared in front of him.

Hell Civet second spirit ring ability, Hell Hundred Claws, launched.

Countless claw shadows struck out, weaving a frightful net of sharp blades, Yu Tian-Heng's internal energies still hadn't settled, also having released too much lightning power with the previous Thunder Crash, right now his old strength had just been used up, and new strength still hadn't been generated.

In the crucial moment, Yu Tian-Heng showed remarkable psychological quality, without the slightest hint of being flustered by the opponent's attack. The Blue Lightning Tyrant Dragon arm rose vertically, as much as possible defusing Zhu Zhuqing's attack.

However, Zhu Zhuqing's attack was really too fast, the Seven

Treasure Glazed Tile Pagoda strength and speed boost completely coming to their right in her Hell Hundred Claws. Sparks constantly burst from Yu Tian-Heng's dragon arm, splashing out simultaneously was still a bloody light.

Yu Tian-Heng was only able to defend his vitals, but at his other arm, shoulder, both legs, all paid a not inconsiderable price under the Hell Hundred Claws attack.

One must know that Zhu Zhuqing's primary capability was reflected in speed and attack power, the attacks she launched all had supplementary puncturing effects, while the wounds wouldn't appear very deep, spirit power already permeated within, frantically destroying Yu Tian-Heng's energy channels.

With the assistance of Thunder Fury Yu Tian-Heng finally recovered his breath, intense thunder power once again erupting, but Zhu Zhuqing in the instant before that thunder moved several meters to the side, just evading Yu Tian-Heng's attack. Without a doubt, again it was Tang San's Blue Silver Grass battle control rhythm.

Tightly following on Zhu Zhuqing's horizontal shift, a slender lovable human body appeared in front of Yu Tian-Heng, precisely Xiao Wu.

Violent aches transmitted from the hundred bones of the four limbs, a heat at his back, clearly it was that blazing Phoenix Fire Wire already attacking his back, but there still appeared an enemy in front. Yu Tian-Heng knew that with further passivity, before help could arrive from his side, he would fall here.

Strongly raising spirit power, from Yu Tian-Heng's mouth issued an indignant howl, coming forward to meat Xiao Wu's delicate body was a Thunder Dragon Claw.

Under the boost of Thunder Fury, Thunder Dragon Claw's range and power were more than doubled, with Xiao Wu's current speed forward, she was clearly unable to dodge.

Also at this moment, the Shrek Seven Devils team's fighting strength erupted completely, facing the Thunder Dragon Claw Xiao Wu didn't have the slightest intention of breaking off, the stimulation of the

lightning already made her body spasm slightly, the purple third spirit ring flared like it was declaring the end of Yu Tian-Heng's spirit battle for this time.

Soft Bones Demon Rabbit's third spirit ring ability, Teleport, launched.

Yu Tian-Heng only caught a flash in front of him as Xiao Wu's silhouette had already disappeared, the next moment, that slender lovable body suddenly magnified before him, a long braid directly coiling around his neck, Xiao Wu leapt up, both hands with the help of the braid pulling within the hook of Yu Tian-Heng's dragon arm, resisting the supplemental thunder strength, both feet simultaneously stepping on Yu Tian-Heng's lower abdomen.

Soft Bones Demon Rabbit's first spirit ring ability, Waist Bow, launched. Yu Tian-Heng was unable to resist the enormous force used and was suddenly thrown up, despite his spirit power being eight ranks higher than Xiao Wu, despite Thunder Fury amplifying his spirit power by fifty percent, right now his body's condition had already dropped to the bottom of the valley, adding Xiao Wu possessing the thirty percent strength boost from Seven Treasures Glazed Tile Pavilion, he was left basically without the chance to resist Xiao Wu's Soft Skill.

As Yu Tian-Heng swept past Dai Mubai, Dai Mubai's tiger paws simultaneously swatted down at his ribs.

It has to be said, despite Yu Tian-Heng right now already having received enormous injuries, his experience with facing enemies was abundant, managing to use the dragon arm to block his chest, relying on this solid arm to endure Dai Mubai's attack, with the clear sound of shattering bone. These two paws still had a thirty percent strength boost, an attack with the strength Dai Mubai stored up since coming out of paralysis, even if it was the outstanding defensive power of Yu Tian-Heng's dragon arm, it still fractured the bone. With the "assistance" of Dai Mubai, his entire body accelerated to even higher speed, flying toward the Emperor Team's side.

From Yu Tian-Heng crossing over the Black Tortoise Spirit Masters

to launch his attack, to being surrounded by the Shrek Seven Devils, to them inflicting serious injuries on Yu Tian-Heng, the complete process had only taken a very short amount of time, that's all.

Hong——, Yu Tian-Heng's body heavily struck the two Black Tortoise Spirit Masters' tortoiseshells and came to a stop, his whole body cut bloody and ragged, from his mouth also madly spurting blood. Under the successive attacks, he already suffered serious injuries, even his Thunder Fury almost broken apart by the Shrek Seven Devils. This wasn't at all the Shrek Seven Devils wanting to casually kill someone, but the result of showing some leniency. Otherwise, if Tang San also had attacked, it wouldn't have been as simple as Yu Tian-Heng spitting blood.

"Bastards, I'll kill you!"

Yu Tian-Heng's serious injuries undoubtedly infuriated the Emperor Team, especially the vice captain Dugu Yan, as Yu Tian-Heng's intimate friend, watching her man suffering serious damage by the opponents from all directions, but herself without the time to assist him, how painful was this kind of feeling.

Part 3

At this moment, she had already completely forgotten what Qin Ming said, and with a sharp hiss, her third spirit ring abruptly shone.

The originally dark green eyes completely became violet, even the scales of the snake tail were covered by a faint layer of violet light, opening her mouth wide, a dense violet mist burst out, rapidly spreading in the air, surging in the direction of the Shrek Seven Devils.

"Everyone return!"

Tang San shouted loudly, pulling back Dai Mubai, Zhu Zhuqing and Xiao Wu who wanted to dash forward for a follow up attack behind him, right now, he stood furthest ahead of the Shrek Seven Devils.

But the opponents' Wind Chime Bird Spirit Master and Black

Leopard Spirit Master taking advantage of their speed to launch attacks, seeing the violet mist panicked broke off their approach, from how the two recoiled to the sides it could clearly be seen they were terrified of Dugu Yan's violet mist.

Tang San with a serious face attentively watched that violet mist floating over, right now, the violet mist already resembled a protective screen separating the two sides, moreover slowly advancing in the Shrek Seven Devils' direction. Apart from flying up or perhaps stepping down from the spirit ring, they would inevitably be enveloped by the violet mist.

Before the violet mist had arrived, already a fishy smell assailed the nostrils, making people feel nauseous and faint. The Shrek Seven Devils without hesitation swallowed down one of Oscar's sausages, and Oscar himself swiftly began to make detoxifying small sausages in preparation for future need.

Both hands pressing on Twenty Four Moonlit Bridges at his waist, Tang San pondered for a moment, calmly saying:

"A Jade Phosphor Serpent of the Jade Phosphor Five Poisons, that's all, I'll break your snake venom."

Tang San raised both hands, each with a very large water skin, each water skin large enough to hold ten jin^[5] of drinking water, generally speaking, for use when travelling long distances.

Tang San exerted himself to whip out both hands, the two leather bags thrown into the air, at the same time shouting loudly,

"Boss, White Tiger Light Wave. Fatty, Phoenix Fire Wire. Launch."

The Shrek Seven Devils hadn't been cooperating for just one or two days, Ma Hongjun and Dai Mubai understood intuitively. Dai Mubai right now still in White Tiger Vajra Transformation without hesitating spit out a White Tiger Light Wave, going straight for the water skins Tang San threw out, Fatty's Phoenix Fire Wire following close behind.

Hong——

The two water skins hit by White Tiger Light Wave were without a doubt instantly smashed to pieces, the “water” within spreading upward in a huge cloud of dispersing water under the intense spirit power attack, and at this moment, Fatty’s Phoenix Fire Wire also arrived, instantly, the former water cloud unexpectedly completely turned into a cloud of fire, bringing a special fragrance to fill the air and pervade everyone present. Furthermore, it completely enveloped the violet mist.

The dense violet mist unexpectedly also ignited under this sudden blaze, making a series of popping noises, disappearing in a moment. In the air, under the shining stage lighting, only those two smashed water skins slowly fell to the ground. The protective screen between the two teams had already completely faded away.

“No, this isn’t possible. How could you break my Jade Phosphor Violet Poison?”

Dugu Yan stupidly stared across at Tang San, her eyes brimming with a disbelieving expression. Not just her, but each member of the Emperor Team stared dumbfounded.

They all clearly understood Dugu Yan’s Jade Phosphor Violet Poison. Even if it was the powerful Yu Tian-Heng, he still wouldn’t dare lightly come into contact with it. This third spirit ring ability was even more Dugu Yan’s most poisonous attack, the poison acting extremely quickly, with just a little bit of contact with the violet mist, in a short time one would issue pus and die.

Distantly at the entrance of the passage, Qin Ming’s heart became greatly anxious as he saw the violet mist, wanting to call out to stop it, but before he could speak up, Dugu Yan’s violet mist had already been dispersed. He as well hadn’t expected it.

Tang San calmly said:

“Jade Phosphor Serpent poison is no more than an insignificant talent, if it was the Jade Phosphor Five Poisons together, perhaps I would have taken some notice of it. Your Jade Phosphor Serpent Poison still has insufficient heat control.”

Poison was what Tang Sect relied on for its fame. What genuinely made people fearful was how Tang San toyed with the poison before him, like he was Lord Guan toying with a broadsword^[6].

Tang San's method for unravelling it was actually very simple. In those two water skins wasn't actually water, but extremely high strength alcohol. Furthermore in this alcohol was also realgar powder. Wine fortified with realgar, generally speaking, was used when entering an area with a lot of snakes, to guard against snake and insect bites.

Tang San threw out the water skins, using Dai Mubai's White Tiger Light Wave to scatter it as mist in the air, further using Fatty's Phoenix Fire Wire to ignite it, thoroughly cooking the poison. Although Jade Phosphor Serpent Poison was extremely toxic, it was still unable to be preserved when faced with ruthless flame. Earlier when Tang San learned Dugu Yan's spirit was Jade Phosphor Serpent, he already made preparations to deal with her. Of course, this realgar wine was something he always carried. Twenty Four Moonlit Bridges space was so large, how could it be wasted?

In fact, although Tang San was calm on the surface, in his heart he was secretly shocked, Dugu Yan's Jade Phosphor Serpent poison was still more potent than he had imagined. And since coming to this world, he still had never had the time to search for poisonous substances and drugs that could be used for Tang Sect poisons and antidotes. Right now he inwardly resolved to learn from his experience this time, and certainly soon mix antidotes and poisons, then, he could truly display the strength of the Tang Sect.

At this moment, a clear calm voice suddenly came through from the rear of the Emperor Team,

"What are you waiting for, is a tiny setback enough to make you fear the opponent?"

Immediately following, accompanying a faint aroma, a white light fell from the sky, that white light appeared extremely peculiar, unexpectedly in the form of petals, gently drifting down, falling directly on Yu Tian-Heng, lightly merging into his body.

Yu Tian-Heng trembled against Dugu Yan's chest, his open wounds miraculously closed rapidly, his entire body's complexion seeming to already become much better, unexpectedly getting up on his feet.

In a stern voice he said:

“Lingling's right, what are we waiting for? Get to it.”

The light of thunder again appearing, though just now still beaten bloody by the Shrek Seven Devils he unexpectedly took the lead to charge ahead, lightning snakes surging around him, even raising that fractured arm again.

That petal-like white light came from Emperor Team's only auxiliary system Spirit Master Xie Lingling's hands. Right now, Emperor Team's formation was no longer as neat as at the start, and the Shrek Seven Devils could finally see Xie Lingling's spirit, Nine Heart Flowering Apple.

Resting in Xie Lingling's hands was a pink flowering apple^[7], formed by white and pink petals, the flowering apple was gorgeous, flowering with beauty and elegance.

The flower leaves and branches welled from either side of Xie Lingling's hands, softly spreading in the wind, drooping and fluttering, as if beautiful hair covering a virtuous woman's face, affectionate deep love, charm pitying people.^[8]

Right now a purple light was fading from her body, clearly those white light petals just now was her thousand year spirit ring ability.

Seeing Yu Tian-Heng completely recovered once again, on the Shrek Seven Devils' side, everyone's complexions couldn't help but change.

One must know, their attack at Yu Tian-Heng just now could be said to have been planned since long ago, it was also their method for pulling close the gap to the opponents. After all, Yu Tian-Heng wasn't the only formidable person on the other side, if they could first take away Yu Tian-Heng's fighting strength, then with one person less their side would have a much larger chance.

But right now Yu Tian-Heng charging once again meant that not only

did the Emperor Team still possess all its intact strength, it was even more of a blow to the Shrek Seven Devils' morale that the opponents' Nine Heart Flowering Apple Spirit Master could heal the wounded at any time, how would they still conduct this battle?

Right now everyone truly understood why Ning Rongrong thought so highly of the Nine Heart Flowering Apple. This peculiar auxiliary system spirit was indeed one of a kind.

With the previous lesson, Emperor Team clearly wouldn't be as careless as before.

The two Black Tortoise Spirit Masters followed closely behind Yu Tian-Heng, Wind Chime Bird Spirit Master Yu Feng dashing directly at the rearmost Shrek Seven Devil Seven Treasures Glazed Tile Ning Rongrong, and the Black Leopard Spirit Master Osler charged at Zhu Zhuqing from the side.

And Dugu Yan blew out a green mist into the air, from all around enveloping everyone present, right now, the Emperor Team members each put something in their mouths, not suffering the slightest effect within the green mist.

The true battle would begin right now, but the advantageous position carefully set up under Tang San's control had already been obliterated completely.

He couldn't be flustered, this was the first problem Tang San realized.

Dai Mubai roared deeply, meeting Yu Tian-Heng from the front, his White Tiger Vajra Transformation had a time restriction, right now he couldn't delay. But Yu Tian-Heng's Thunder Fury also hadn't been revoked. These two Dragon and Tiger great Spirit Masters once again clashed.

Zhu Zhuqing's figure flickered, fighting the Black Leopard Spirit Master Osler, her attack and spirit power were inferior to the opponent, but her speed was a lot higher, for the moment unlikely to fall into a too great of a disadvantageous position. Of course, this required the assistance of Ning Rongrong's Seven Treasure Glazed

Tile Pagoda, otherwise, lacking one spirit ring, she wouldn't be a match for the Black Leopard Spirit Master. Right now, only Xiao Wu remained at Tang San's side, behind them Fatty using Phoenix Fire Wire to tangle with the Wind Chime Bird Spirit Master, blocking him from attacking Ning Rongrong and Oscar, basically unable to assist.

And right now what Tang San and Xiao Wu confronted wasn't just the green mist alone, but still the two Black Tortoise Spirit Masters and the constantly using abilities Jade Phosphor Serpent Spirit Master.

Notes

1. Power Ranger Megazord! boooom... *rainbow explosions*
2. Go lugia! use Steel wing!
3. (雷霆之怒) Directly translated into Thunder Fury
4. (雷霆万钧) "Thunder's force of 150 tons"
5. 10斤 = 5 kg
6. A reference to the warrior Guan Yu of Three Kingdoms fame.
7. Chinese flowering crabapple, *Malus spectabilis*
8. Can't quite find an attribution for this poem. Scanning the flowering apple entry on Baidu suggests it might be Yang Wanli, a 12th century poet, but that seems to reference another line.

051 – Spirit Fusion Ability Hell

White Tiger

Part 1

Before this fight, the record Tang San obtained couldn't only be twenty seven wins, at the same time, he and Xiao Wu's record in the thirtieth ranked two versus two spirit fights was equally twenty seven total victories. Perhaps they were lucky in some spirit battles, but how could they have been lucky in all twenty seven bouts? In coordination alone, the seven years they already had together undoubtedly made them the most familiar out of the Shrek Seven Devils. Therefore, even though they faced three over thirty fifth ranked peak strength opponents with optimal spirit ring configurations, they still had no fear. Especially the other side's soul, control system Spirit Master Dugu Yan's confidence was already cracked by her third spirit ring ability being dissolved.

The Black Tortoise Spirit Master Shi brothers' heads and legs had already stretched out from their tortoiseshells, the two simultaneously issued deep bellows, their second spirit rings flaring, the edges of their tortoiseshells shining with a not at all intense light.

“Shield Form.^[1]”

The two brothers bellowed with tacit understanding, the tortoiseshells on their chest and back bizarrely separating, each moving into their two hands, becoming two one meter in diameter immense shields. But having lost their tortoiseshells, their bodies were not only much smaller than before they used their spirits, but their sturdy builds had also become thin and weak, apparently as if those tortoiseshells were formed from their bones and essences, truly a bizarre sight.

Until now, the most conspicuous of the Emperor Team was the Blue Lightning Tyrant Dragon Spirit Master, captain Yu Tian-Heng. But in

fact, in fighting strength among the Emperor Team, the Shi brothers weren't in any way inferior to Yu Tian-Heng, regardless of whether it was the Black Tortoise Spirit, Dai Mubai's White Tiger Spirit or Yu Tian-Heng's Blue Lightning Tyrant Dragon Spirit, all were first rate spirits. The low key Shi brothers were even more powerful than everyone imagined, just that in fights there was basically no need for them to display their powerful side. But now, Yu Tian-Heng previously suffering such heavy injuries clearly made these otherwise unflustered Shi brothers truly angry. Right now, two of the pair's spirit rings shone. Their gazes burning, staring fixedly at Tang San.

The two Shi brothers glanced at each other, simultaneously shouting loudly and unexpectedly throwing the enormous tortoiseshell shields in their hands, directly at Tang San and Xiao Wu.

The tortoiseshell shields spin whistling through the air, that incomparable energy enough to make people fearful. Most peculiar were the strands of yellow spirit power that connected the back of each tortoiseshell shield with the hands of the Shi brothers. The sharp edges of the tortoiseshell shields cut the air as they passed, creating an extremely disturbing sharp hiss.

The green mist had already inundated everyone, bringing a faintly sweet fishy smell to everyone's nostrils, despite already having eaten Oscar's small sausage, apart from Tang San each person of the Shrek Seven Devils felt a burst of dizziness. Fortunately the detoxifying effect of the small sausages was good, and they could persist without signs of defeat.

Right now, a bit relaxedly confronting the other side's strongest was Dai Mubai.

Once again fighting Yu Tian-Heng, Dai Mubai immediately became aware that the opponent's condition really hadn't recovered to its peak. Although those bizarre white light petals helped cure Yu Tian-Heng's physical injuries, the spirit power he released previously hadn't recovered. In fact, under the previous siege of the Shrek Seven Devils his spirit power consumption was substantial, an unknown amount more than Dai Mubai.

Bodily injuries recovered quickly, but although Yu Tian-Heng's

fractured Blue Lightning Tyrant Dragon arm had barely managed to heal, he still didn't dare exert himself. Right now he was only relying on his thunder energy to contend with Dai Mubai. With his spirit power already lower than Dai Mubai under the effect of the Seven Treasure Glazed Tile Pagoda boost, Yu Tian-Heng calmly chose a roaming battle, without meeting Dai Mubai straight on.

Dai Mubai was unable to grab the chance for victory he desired, able to become a control system Spirit Master, Jade Phosphor Serpent Dugu Yan's poison battle control capability was no small matter. Were it not for Tang San exploiting his familiarity with every kind of poison, relying on realgar alcohol to dissolve her strongest third spirit ability Jade Phosphor Violet Poison, perhaps now the Shrek Seven Devils would all have fallen.

But Zhu Zhuqing and Ma Hongjun's circumstances weren't so optimistic.

The opponents the two confronted both had seven or eight ranks higher spirit power, even though Seven Treasures Glazed Tile Pagoda's effect was able to shrink the spirit power gap between them, but it still couldn't make up for a difference in one spirit ring.

One more spirit ring wasn't just as simple as one more spirit ability, all the supplemental attributes that promoted when absorbing a spirit ring couldn't be made up for with spirit power. Just like how Tang San when entering the thirtieth rank realm gained comprehensive improvements in strength and control.

Although Ma Hongjun's Phoenix Spirit was also a flying type, right now he still couldn't fly, and could only rely on Phoenix Fire Wire to vanquish the opponent.

But that Wind Chime Bird Spirit Master Yu Feng's attacks were extremely crafty, constantly swooping down with wings like sharp blades, as long as Ma Hongjun was the slightest bit slow in attacking, he might be hit.

What made Ma Hongjun even more depressed was Yu Feng's wind abilities. Although he didn't dare letting himself be hit by Phoenix Fire Wire, relying on his wings to instigate wind force he was frequently

able to disperse the Phoenix Fire Wire attacks.

In order to be able to keep his opponent at a distance, Ma Hongjun was forced to constantly keep up his Bathing Fire Phoenix ability, thereby bringing the Phoenix Fire Wire's attack power to its peak. Although he was able to temporarily keep his opponent in check like this, his spirit power consumption was also substantial.

Were it not for Oscar periodically handing him one of his big sausages, perhaps he would already have been unable to persist.

Zhu Zhuqing's circumstances were even more unbearable than Ma Hongjun, Ma Hongjun still had Oscar's support, she could only rely on her own strength.

Black Leopard Osler's speed was under ordinary circumstances higher than Zhu Zhuqing's, the Black Leopard Spirit in itself was an extremely outstanding existence among agility attack spirits. Zhu Zhuqing was unable to close the gap between the two even under the speed boost of Seven Treasures Great Tile Pagoda, and could only keep up a constant moving battle with the opponent.

Osler's attacks were becoming fiercer and fiercer, and with the spirit power consumption, Zhu Zhuqing was already gradually becoming unable to resist.

"Zhuqing, over here!"

Dai Mubai shouted loudly.

Zhu Zhuqing understood intuitively, figure flickering, she already appeared at Dai Mubai's side.

The pressure Yu Tian-Heng gave Dai Mubai was insufficient, and relying on White Tiger Vajra Transformation, Dai Mubai forced off Osler, together with Zhu Zhuqing confronting Osler and Yu Tian-Heng, creating a two versus two situation. Thus, Zhu Zhuqing's crisis was temporarily averted.

But when Yu Tian-Heng had Osler's assistance, he also had the chance to catch his breath.

The four enormous tortoiseshells cut spinning through the air, attacking Tang San from four different directions.

“Xiao Wu.”

Tang San made a simple gesture.

Xiao Wu soared up, with a leap already jumping over Tang San. Tang San's both hands used strength under Xiao Wu's feet, Capturing Dragon force bursting out, sending off Xiao Wu like an artillery shell.

The Black Tortoise Spirit Masters' defense no doubt mainly relied on their tortoiseshells, right now having thrown the tortoiseshells, their defensive power naturally would have substantially reduced.

Tang San had considered letting Xiao Wu attack the opponents' control system Spirit Master Dugu Yan, but that was after all too dangerous. Tang San wasn't certain he would be able to dispel the poison on Dugu Yan's body.

But, with Xiao Wu having left this side, right now Tang San alone had to confront the attack of two Spirit Masters with spirit power six ranks higher than his. Was he able to block them?

Tang San revealed a confident smile, he wasn't just a control system Spirit Master, at the same time he was a Tang Sect disciple. That martial ability not of this world was his true background.

Moving with Ghost Perplexing Shadow Track, after Tang San threw Xiao Wu he advanced rather than retreating, dashing to meet the four tortoiseshell shields, Mysterious Heaven Skill internal strength surging, both palms already becoming a lustrous glossy jade color.

The four tortoiseshell shields seemed to leave death the only result for Tang San, but a Ghost Shadow Perplexing Track rotation unexpectedly let him evade the sharp edges in front.

Immediately afterward, both Tang San's palms simultaneously clapped the leftmost side of a shield.

Figure flickering again, again both palms swatted another side.

Controlling Crane Capturing Dragon's force launched, cleverly

leveraging force to jolt those shields suffused with spirit power, in a moment, the four shields would crash together.

Two muffled grunts issued from the Shi Brothers, the spirit power light connecting to the backs of the tortoiseshell shields abruptly tightened, the four shields breaking off in different directions.

This time, it was Tang San's face that changed color.

It wasn't at all because he was worried the tortoiseshell shields would injure him, with Ghost Shadow Perplexing Track, he basically didn't have to be worried about being hit by this kind of cumbersome weapon. The reason he was shocked, was that the tortoiseshell shields no longer targeted him, but the Blue Silver Grass released from him.

With ear-piercing air-splitting intense sounds, the four tyrannical tortoiseshell shields plunged among the Blue Silver Grass released from Tang San and unexpectedly severed more than half, especially those few strands of Blue Silver Grass connected to the other Shrek Seven Devil team members, even more all of a sudden completely severing their seven member integral formation.

Tang San's heart chilled, right now he already understood that these two appearing unflustered Black Tortoise Spirit Masters absolutely weren't as simple minded as they appeared on the outside. Their true purpose was admittedly to attack him, but even more important was to destroy their side's linked condition.

Right now, Xiao Wu already crossed the covering range of the four shields, in a moment, the two Black Tortoise Spirit Masters were already in range.

Part 2

"Xiao Wu, look out!"

A sense of unease washed over Tang San from the bottom of his heart. He subconsciously reminded Xiao Wu. This was because he suddenly remembered something. The twin Shi Brothers had yet to

use their third Spirit Ability. After all, they were strength based defensive spirit masters, how could they throw away their shells and not think about their defense?

Just as Tang San had predicted, both faces of the Black Tortoise Spirit Masters changed, just as their body shone with a purple hue. Their thousand year spirit ring activated^[2].

Xiao Wu naturally had heard Tang San's cry, but at that point in time, her body was still in mid-air. There was nothing she could do. However, during the critical moments, Xiao Wu demonstrated her quick reflexes. Her second and third spirit ring lighting up at the same time. Dazzling and mesmerizingly, with red eyes, she intensely gazed upon Shi Mò.^[3]

The Soft Bones Demon Rabbit's second spirit ability, Demon Confusion, the effect, depending on the opponent's spirit power, it would leave them in a frozen state. The length of this effect was dependant on the difference in their spirit power. However, if there was a large difference in their spirit power, it would backfire.

Just like before^[4], when they were fighting Zhao Wuji, he directly reflected Xiao Wu's Demon Confusion ability. The twin Black Tortoise Spirit Masters before them obviously didn't have such an overwhelming difference in Spirit power, thus they could only be frozen for a very short period of time. However, Xiao Wu, using a momentary outburst of power could still obtain the desired result.

Shi Mò's entire person was still for a while. The purple glow around his body naturally dulled a little. Taking advantage of this split second opportunity, Xiao Wu used her teleportation ability to, as before, charge ahead. Just using the teleporting abilities' range of five meters to dodge in front.

To lure the enemy in deep. The Shi brothers had dealt with Xiao Wu, using Tang San's very own method of dealing with Yu Tian-Heng before..

The four tortoise shells, that had cut Tang San's blue silver grass before, with a speed that was hard for the human eye to catch, were recovered. Every Tortoise shell glowed with a purple light as it

was explosively rendered into sixteen diamond shaped pieces and shot off within moments. It just about sealed anyone in the vicinity of the defensive Black Tortoise Spirit Masters. At this time, if Xiao Wu's waist still had Tang San's Blue Silver Grass, then maybe he could've still pulled her back. But now, in the air, she had nothing else to rely on.

The Black Tortoise Spirit Masters' Tortoise Shell Burst^[5] was a kind of area of attack, mainly used to protect themselves and attack the enemy at the same time.

Each Shi Brother's Tortoise shells had split into thirty two pieces^[6]. With an area of effect of ten Meters squared, the pieces raced around them in the air, making a sharp piercing sound as they spun around the spirit masters, violently distorting the air within the coverage of their shell burst. To others, it looked like a giant meat grinder.

No one knew when the Shi Brothers had split up and moved, but in order use their third spirit ability to their fullest potential, they had to avoid meeting each other, thus preventing the shell fragments crashing into each other.

When Xiao Wu teleported five meters, she could escape the incoming tortoise shell, but she was unable to dodge the shell burst attack. Her delicate body turned in the air, blood splattering as Xiao Wu painfully cried out, the vigorously rotating shells in the air, had shredded her, causing her to spin several times before falling to the ground.

Seeing Xiao Wu fall into the enemies' Tortoise Shell Burst range, Tang San's heart broke. Unable to maintain his composure any longer,

"Xiao Wu!"

The Blue Silver Grass finally caught up to the falling Xiao Wu, wrapped around her waist and quickly pulled her back to safety.

Xiao Wu's eyes were shut tight, her body trembling fiercely. Her right arm, the right side of her waist and even her thigh was bloody and

cut, blood already staining red half her body. Even more serious, the Black Tortoise Spirit Masters' spirit power had penetrated her body, already injuring her internal organs.

Tang San's heart beats just about stopped. With his right hand, he was quickly pressing and blocking the pressure points around Xiao Wu's injuries to seal the veins so that she wouldn't bleed too much. With the other, he was pressing on Xiao Wu's back, using the warm Mysterious Heaven Skill's to quickly push spirit energy into her, combining her spirit power with his own, forcing out any lingering malicious Spirit Power inside her. While this was happening, the shell fragments merged back in the air, once again becoming the tortoise shells on the backs of the Black Tortoise Spirit Masters. Their attack, had been a great success. Not only were they able to cut off Tang San's support, they had also heavily injured Xiao Wu.

Originally, the Shi Brothers didn't even think about using their third spirit ability, even Qin Ming had previously reminded them not to mortally injure any of the opponents.

But Yu Tian-Heng's heavy injuries had caused them to be very angry, even though their expressions didn't show it, in reality, they were infuriated. This caused them to pull all the stops and thus their full force attack resulted in the current scene.

Dugu Yan happily shouted:

"Advance!"

Opening her mouth, she once again spit out another mouthful of thick poison, causing the poison mist on the stage to become even thicker. Oscar and his small sausage was finally already starting to show its ineffectiveness.

The two Black Tortoise Spirit Masters leaped with large strides towards Tang San, very clear that they only needed to take down this control system Spirit Master. Then, today's spirit battle would end in their victory.

The Emperor team came to the same understanding after looking at Xiao Wu's injury. Tang San would soon have to face the Black

Tortoise Spirit Master twins who had the support of the Jade Phosphor Serpent from behind. Thus all at once, they engaged the other Shrek Seven Devils in their own all-out battles. Their objective was simple. To ensure that Tang San's teammates would not get the opportunity to save him.

Xiao Wu's injury had all the same ignited the flames of fury in the other Shrek Seven Devils' hearts. Ma Hongjun no longer spared any remaining spirit power. His Phoenix Fire Wire painted a horrifying picture of fire in the air, rushing towards the Wind Chime Bird Spirit Master.

"Air Surge"^[7]. At the critical moment, the gust could no longer be maintained, the purple spirit ring lit up. Floating in the air, both wings rapidly flapped. A layer of green coloured cloudlike spirit power was being released in waves, inviting Ma Hongjun's Phoenix Fire Wire to slap against it.

The green spirit power gathered in the air, forming the shape of a giant bird and swooped down. Ma Hongjun's Phoenix Fire Wire mightily clashed with it.

"Ah!..." The intense pressure and Xiao Wu's injury had brought out the darkness in Ma Hongjun's heart, even though his spirit power was comparatively weaker than his opponents, at this moment, the Phoenix Fire on his body was burning with a heat incomparable to before.

With the Bathing Fire Phoenix out in full force, he grabbed a sausage from Oscar who was beside him and swallowed it. Once again, spitting out an intense Fire Wire.

Ma Hongjun clearly knew that at this side wasn't just him alone, there was also Oscar and Ning Rongrong. Once he was unable to block the enemies' spirit ability, then the support from the Seven Treasures Glazed Tiles Pagoda would be lost. Which would only make matters worse.

The purplish red coloured Fire Wire, under Ma Hongjun's rage slowly turned a deep purple colour. The third spirit ring ability, wind surge, should've broken through the fire, but under these circumstances,

was currently being held back by force. The originally ability shaped bird's body had even started to show signs of being burnt.

Yu Feng felt a special sort of pressure coming from Ma Hongjun, making him feel, from the bottom of his heart, a pressure as if Ma Hongjun had an indisputable, tyrannical strength .

He of course didn't know that the current situation was just like the female Spider spirit master's situation when Tang San faced the Mad team. This was the sort of pressure brought about by the difference in battle spirit.

Ma Hongjun had the Phoenix spirit, even if it was a Evil Fire Phoenix Variant, it was a phoenix all the same. Phoenixes were the emperor of birds, the strong ones capable of even commanding the heavens. This standard was naturally something the wind Chime Bird wasn't comparable to.

Thus, even if Yu Feng's Spirit power was much higher than Ma Hongjun, in this battle of spirits, the pressure brought by the Phoenix was inescapable.

Of course, it was because of this difference in both parties' spirit power that this pressure was only brought out under such conditions, when Ma Hongjun's body was showing all its potential.

"Zhuqing, Hell White tiger."

Dai Mubai roared. As the captain of the Shrek Seven Devils, seeing Xiao Wu getting injured, he couldn't hold it in. Thus he no longer held anything back.

Grandmaster once said in this Arena before, if Shrek Seven Devils wanted to achieve a victory in the Arena, then, it would all depend on Dai Mubai, Zhu Zhuqing and Tang San these three people.

Of which, when he was referring to Dai Mubai and Zhu Zhuqing, it wasn't their individual physical ability he was talking about. After all, if one was to compare Dai Mubai and Yu Tian-Heng's abilities, they would need a thin wire. What he was actually referring to was the secret between Dai Mubai and Zhu Zhuqing. Their Spirit Fusion ability.

Accompanied by the roars of a tiger, Dai Mubai, already in his White Tiger King State, once again transformed. White fur was mixed with black coloured tiger spots as they started to wildly appear.

Zhu Zhuqing lightly bit her lower lip, as her entire body was covered in a faint black glow. Her body became faint, as if it was transparent, rushing towards Dai Mubai.

Seeing the two people's body change, Yu Tian-Heng could not help but be shocked.

"This is not good. It's the Spirit fusion ability. Osler! Go all out!"

At this point in time, Yu Tian-Heng no longer cared about the consequences of overusing his spirit power. While he was slowly losing the ability to support his Thunder Rage's status but was still able to forcefully maintain it. He raised his huge dragon arm, roaring, once again using Thunder Crash.

This time it was to stop Dai Mubai and Zhu Zhuqing. He used the last of his spirit power to forcefully emit his Thunder Crash ability towards the two people.

The Black Panther Spirit Master's third spirit ring lit up at the same time. Opening his eyes wide, as the purple spirit ring floated around his body, a series of cracking and snapping could be heard from all over his body. From his original body, separated a leopard shaped light figure, charging towards Dai Mubai and Zhu Zhuqing.

The Black Panther Spirit Master's 3rd Spirit ability, Leopard Shadow Doppelganger, activated.

However, Zhu Zhuqing and Dai Mubai never paid their opponents any attention. With all his attention focused, Dai Mubai's only had Zhu Zhuqing in his eyes. With arms wide open, he welcomed Zhu Zhuqing's dreamlike figure.

Part 3

At this very moment, Dai Mubai was suddenly astonished to discover that the icy chill in Zhu Zhuqing's eyes had faded away, her gaze towards him somewhat dull, still with a somewhat unusual mood.

The two silhouettes finally met each other as the opponents' attack approached, Evil Eye White Tiger and Hell Civet's energies at this moment completely blending. The next moment, everyone present felt a fluctuating energy.

The spirit fusion ability wasn't one plus one equals two, even if it was two perfectly identical spirits they still might not be able to use the spirit fusion ability, because this required a perfect mutual match. When the spirit fusion ability arose, that kind of formidably powerful incarnation wasn't just two Spirit Masters' levels, rather a surpassing existence.

Dai Mubai and Zhu Zhuqing's bodies both vanished in that fusion, remaining on the spirit ring was only an enormous White Tiger. The White Tiger's body was transparent, white fur with black stripes, double purple pupils, coldly watching the onrushing attacks.

Black Leopard Spirit Master Osler's Leopard Shadow Doppelgänger was first to reach the transparent White Tiger, compared to the eight meters long and more than two meters high enormous silhouette of the white tiger, it looked insignificant.

The Hell White Tiger simply leisurely raised its right claw, and slowly swatted down. With a popping sound, that faintly purple leopard shadow already became countless specks of light and disappeared unseen, and the Hell White Tiger's transparent body only rocked slightly once. The next moment, it suddenly transformed into a streak of light, directly rushing into that mad thunder, forging ahead bathed in lightning.

The enormous White Tiger flashed brilliantly in that moment, raising its head high. That 'looking down on the world' arrogance appeared, the graceful bearing of a mighty world tyrant and king among beasts.

In the air the White Dove Spirit Master Doudou already stared in awe, all the Emperor Team members were sluggish in that moment.

Hong——

Two silhouettes were sent flying simultaneously in response, Blue Lightning Tyrant Dragon Spirit Master Yu Tian-Heng was already wildly spouting blood in midair, the arm healed by the effect of the Nine Heart Flowering Apple once again snapping.

His team member Osler wasn't as powerful as him, already suffering the spirit power backlash of his third spirit ability being broken, in the Hell White Tiger's sudden explosion, vomiting out blood in midair he already lost consciousness. Fortunately his own spirit power wasn't weak, adding to not having suffered as heavy injuries as Yu Tian-Heng previously, otherwise his current circumstances would only be even more messy.

After the Hell White Tiger unleashed this attack it disappeared in a flash, Dai Mubai and Zhu Zhuqing simultaneously appearing on the spirit fighting ring.

Because of Zhu Zhuqing's large spirit power consumption, she directly lost consciousness in Dai Mubai's arms, Dai Mubai himself not feeling any better, because of having unleashed the spirit fusion ability, his White Tiger Vajra Transformation supplementary energy had been completely emptied out, right now in an ability backlash condition, he had also lost the capability to fight. But they had also successfully beaten the Black Leopard Spirit Master and the opposing team's captain Yu Tian-Heng.

Dai Mubai believed that even if the Nine Heart Flowering Apple was even more miraculous, under these kinds of conditions it would still be impossible for those two to recover their fighting strength.

With spirit power practically exhausted, the effect of Oscar's little sausage also gradually disappeared, Dai Mubai was already on the verge of collapse within the poison mist. Right now, Oscar and Ning Rongrong were both under Ma Hongjun's protection, basically unable to deliver any detoxifying small sausage to him.

The Blue Lightning Tyrant Dragon was worthy of being called one of the most tyrannical of Beast Spirits, despite twice suffering heavy injuries Yu Tian-Heng still hadn't lost consciousness, but right now he

was only crawling on the ground without standing up.

Making his courage tremble was, in the middle of the spirit fighting ring, the battle between the Shi brothers and that control system Spirit Master Thousand Hands Asura.

Tang San gently released Xiao Wu on the arena floor, right now Xiao Wu's face was already waxen, although with the assistance of Tang San's Mysterious Heaven Skill orthodox school inner strength the foreign energy in her body had been expelled, she had still suffered great shock to her energy channels and internal organs, in the three places where she'd been injured even the bone could be seen. If Tang San hadn't promptly blocked the veins at her wounds, the bleeding alone would have already taken her life.

Slowly standing up, confronting head on the two Black Tortoise Spirit Masters charging towards him, Tang San's face under the Shrek mask was entirely expressionless, but, in the eyes his opponents could already see a faint red light.

Pu——

Tang San's jacket under the effect of his spirit power ripped into scattered butterflies fluttering in the air. The gazes aimed at his back could all clearly see that from Tang San's middle vertebrae eight bulges were swelling up, immediately afterwards, eight strange strands of Blue Silver Grass broke out, with lightning speed abruptly extending.

These eight "Blue Silver Grass strands" stood out from the normal ones. Completely glossy purple, glittering under the stage lighting. Precisely the external spirit bone Eight Spider Lances.

Along with the appearance of Eight Spider Lances, the spirit power fluctuations over Tang San changed peculiarly, his whole atmosphere becoming a lot darker and colder, around his arrogant body the temperature clearly dropped. On the Eight Spider Lances was a supplementary layer of faint purple.

Where Jade Phosphor Serpent Dugu Yan's poison mist just came near Eight Spider Lances, it immediately melted away like ice and

snow.

“Variant spirit? Shi Mò, Shi Mó, careful!”

Dugu Yan seeing Eight Spider Lances boring out from Tang San’s back, immediately felt discouraged. But, just like what Grandmaster said, since Eight Spider Lances was excessively similar to Blue Silver Grass, as long as he didn’t say anything, nobody would link this back to external spirit bones.

The two Shi brothers’ charging momentum immediately came to a halt, their second spirit rings simultaneously flaring, tortoiseshells once again becoming shields in their hands.

At their present level, their most powerful skill was the combination of their second and third spirit abilities, the shields could in any position burst into splinters to launch an attack.

Their tortoiseshell shields weren’t just extremely hard, their cutting power was furthermore extremely high, otherwise they wouldn’t have been able to sever Tang San’s durable Blue Silver Grass.

The Shi brothers approached cautiously, but Tang San like they were without the slightest bit of value in his eyes didn’t launch any attack at the Shi brothers, rather half turning, looking behind him towards the Wind Chime Bird Spirit Master Yu Feng in the air using his third spirit ability to pressure Ma Hongjun who was gradually becoming unable to endure.

“Come down.”

Two words like they were dripping with ice issued from Tang San’s mouth. With just a casual throwing motion of his hand, a green ball of light already cut through the air, flying towards Yu Feng.

Nobody had expected Tang San, when facing three of the Emperor Team’s great Spirit Masters, would still attend to a battlefield on another side, even if they had the words it was already too late to warn Yu Feng.

Yu Feng was right now urging his third spirit ability, gradually obtaining an overwhelming advantage, in a moment he would be able

to rout Ma Hongjun's trio. But controlling the third spirit ability put him under not inconsiderable burden. When he suddenly realized there was something approaching from behind he could only as far as possible rise in the air, hoping to avoid Tang San's attack.

But this attack of Tang San's had been launched with an accurate estimate of Yu Feng's response, the green light cut through the air in a graceful arc, in an eyeblink already catching up to Yu Feng, in just a moment the green light extended and again abruptly closed in, Yu Feng's wings in a flash already restrained.

Tang San always restrained himself, all along without launching his third spirit ring ability, although Spider Web Restraint was good, the spirit power consumption was too high. Once he used it, his own strength would immediately suffer. Even with the assistance of the Seven Treasures Glazed Tile Pagoda his fighting strength would drop somewhat.

But right now was exactly the opportunity Tang San waited for, Dai Mubai and Zhu Zhuqing had defeated the other side's most threatening members. Right now the Emperor Team's remaining fighting strength was only the Wind Chime Bird Spirit Master, Jade Phosphor Serpent Spirit Master and the two Black Tortoise Spirit Masters.

First settling the Wind Chime Bird Spirit Master was naturally because of the opponent's speed and air superiority, as well as the threat to Ma Hongjun and their side's two auxiliary system Spirit Masters.

First settling the enemy in the air behind him, next Tang San only had to confront the three remaining people in front.

The certainty in their strength the Black Tortoise Spirit Masters had absolutely wasn't weak, at the same time as Tang San threw out Spider Web Restraint, they already threw the four tortoiseshell shields in their hands.

The four enormous shields once again made ear-piercing sharp whistles, they firmly believed that even if Tang San possessed a variant spirit, he still couldn't block their combined effort. Let alone if

they like just now used their third spirit ability, especially right now when his spirit power had dropped.

Notes

1. (化盾) "Transform into shield"
2. Trap card activate!
3. 629? *wink wink*
4. During the third stage of tests into Shrek academy when they got wrecked by Zhao Wuji
5. (龟甲爆裂)
6. their tortoise shells originally split into 2, now split into 16 each again. Thus its now 32 per brother
7. (风起云涌) Literally "Rising Winds, Rushing Clouds", an idiomatic expression for turbulent times or violent developments.

052 – Eight Spider Lances, Decisive Outcome

Part 1

But, a scene nobody could have imagine occurred. What Tang San did proved that to Spirit Masters on the battlefield, victory didn't necessarily require relying on strength, but could be accomplished with wisdom and planning.

In an instant a figure appeared before Tang San like a moth drawn to a flame, directly hiding Tang San's shape, practically protecting all of Tang San behind him, if the tortoiseshell shields were to hit Tang San, then they first had to pass through this person.

The one suddenly appearing in front of Tang San wasn't a stranger, but Emperor Team's captain, Blue Lightning Tyrant Dragon Spirit Master Yu Tian-Heng.

How was it possible? This was the first thought that appeared in the minds of all members of the Emperor Team, immediately afterward, they clearly saw Yu Tian-Heng's current circumstances.

Yu Tian-Heng naturally wouldn't help Tang San block his teammates' attack, and even if he would, with his current condition, it wouldn't be possible for him to reach Tang San's side. But all this had already been planned in advance by Tang San, the foreshadowing was buried in the first opening moments of the spirit fight.

Yu Tian-Heng was completely entangled in Blue Silver Grass, forcefully pulled in front of Tang San to act as his meat shield.

Earlier when the two sides first clashed, Yu Tian-Heng had fallen into Tang San's schemes, when he suffered injuries under the Shrek Seven Devils' siege, at the start of that siege, when Tang San used Blue Silver Grass to bind him. Blue Silver Grass currently had three spirit rings, it also had three spirit abilities. Binding was no doubt the

most practical, Spider Web Restraint naturally was the most potent. But, that unassuming second spirit ring ability shouldn't be neglected. The current scene was a direct result of Tang San's second spirit ring ability: Parasite.

Although Yu Tian-Heng had recovered his fighting strength under the assistance of Nine Heart Flowering Apple Xie Lingling's assistance, Blue Silver Grass' seeds had quietly been lodged on his body under the use of Binding, when the second spirit ability was launched, the parasitic seeds would follow Tang San's control.

When Tang San turned to launch his Spider Web Restraint at the Wind Chime Bird Spirit Master, he simultaneously secretly activated the Parasites on Yu Tian-Heng's body, using his Blue Silver Grass to forcefully pull him over in front of him.

Currently Yu Tian-Heng was really too weak, if he was in peak condition, he could struggle free of the Blue Silver Grass restraints without the need for Thunder Fury, but right now it was basically impossible for him to accomplish this.

Tang San grasped not only the situation on the battlefield, but at the same time the hearts of the opponents. With two lifetimes, he possessed not just the wisdom of thirteen years, rather the experience of almost forty. Even though Xiao Wu's injuries made him furious, with the disaster he encountered in Star Dou Great Forest he understood that anger basically couldn't settle the issue, only by maintaining a cool head for the moment would he be able to clearly see every change the narrow target of the battle.

If the two Black Tortoise Spirit Masters' tortoiseshell shields could only be thrown and not withdrawn, Tang San wouldn't have done something like this, when weakened Yu Tian-Heng only had the body of a normal person, basically insufficient to stop the Black Tortoise Spirit Masters' tortoiseshell shield attack, it would only be adding a life. But in the previous fight Tang San already clearly saw that their tortoiseshell shields could be withdrawn, and thus this scene appeared.

When the two brothers Shi Mò and Shi Mó were about to defeat Tang San, Yu Tian-Heng suddenly appeared, immediately turning the

two pale with fright. Confronted by the body of their captain, they didn't even think about it. Exerting all their spirit power the forcefully pull the tortoiseshell shields to change direction.

But, in order to defeat Tang San they had attacked with full strength, the tortoiseshell shields were not only extremely heavy but even more infused with their enormous spirit power, how could they be withdrawn? The Black Tortoise Spirit Masters were admittedly powerful, but this pair of brothers were still far from the level where they could easily withdraw.

In the end the pair succeeded in breaking off the tortoiseshell shield attack, the four tortoiseshell shields brushing by a hair's breadth from Yu Tian-Heng, flying to either side. But using such strength made these two brothers' stomachs cramp, simultaneously spitting blood. And at this moment, a silhouette shot out from behind Yu Tian-Heng like a shooting star, in practically only a moment it was already in front of them. That was precisely the bloody-eyed Tang San.

Tang San's movements were extremely fluent, throwing Spider Web Restraint, dragging Yu Tian-Heng, immediately afterward, the Eight Spider Lances on his back simultaneously pierced the ground, supporting his body, the middle joints of the Eight Spider Lances bending simultaneously, again stretching out with full strength, their formidable flexibility sending out Tang San like a bolt of lightning.

Standing on the Shrek Seven Devils' side a satisfied expression flashed through Grandmaster's eyes, muttering to himself:

"Control the battlefield, control the team, control the enemy, control the heart. Little San, you have finally grasped the full meaning of the control system Spirit Master."

The instant Tang San used Eight Spider Lances to leap, he knew that this spirit battle was already finished. Losing the crucial protection of the tortoiseshells, even though the Black Tortoise Spirit Masters were two, how could they block Tang San's Eight Spider Lances?

The lustrous purple Eight Spider Lances extended in midair, sharp

points like eight cold stars simultaneously thrusting at the Black Tortoise Spirit Masters.

Out of the tortoiseshells, their own spirit power lashing back, speed not being their expertise. The Black Tortoise Spirit Masters only had one method left to them, blocking.

The two roared loudly, fists swinging at Tang San in the air, spirit power bursting out, earthen yellow light soaring up.

The Black Tortoise Spirit Masters' spirit power was as heavy as their tortoiseshells, unfortunately, they didn't have the strength to truly concentrate their spirit power. Using spirit abilities, how could they still be in peak condition after consuming their spirit power.

Eight Spider Lances as an external spirit bone, once used, in itself had a fifty percent amplification effect on Tang San's attack power, it was also sharp like a spear. If they still had the tortoiseshells the two Black Tortoise Spirit Masters might still have been able to block it, but right now there basically wasn't enough time to recover their tortoiseshells.

Bright purple light pierced into the yellow concentrated spirit power and erupting in a chain of explosive sounds, the lustrous purple spider lance points basically didn't give the opponents a chance. Eight Spider Lances under Tang San's control, separately passed through the opponents' spirit power, piercing the Two Black Tortoise Spirit Masters' shoulders and arms. In the flickering purple light, Tang San didn't pause, his body flipping in the air, once again using Eight Spider Lances to shoot up, directly pouncing at the Jade phosphor Serpent Spirit Master Dugu Yan.

With a humming sound, the tortoiseshells each returned to the Black Tortoise Spirit Masters, in a flash becoming yellow light and merging into their bodies, but the two Black Tortoise Spirit Masters were no longer able to stand, purple qi welling out of their arms, the two simultaneously toppled, bodies spasming violently.

Eight Spider Lances possessed the extreme toxicity of the Man Faced Demon Spider that couldn't be compared to the supplemental poison on the Blue Silver Grass. Under the toxin of the Eight Spider

Lances, even if the two Black Tortoise Spirit Masters' had even more powerful spirit power it would still be impossible for them to resist it.

Although they weren't stabbed in the vitals, right now their injuries were the most critical of the Emperor Team.

Watching the lustrous purple Eight Spider Lances descend from the air, Dugu Yan's eyes were filled with a fearful light, before the start of this spirit fight she had never thought her side could lose, but at this moment, facing Tang San, she already didn't have any desire for fighting.

Her most powerful third spirit ability had easily been broken by this man before her, she with poison for fighting strength, still had what qualifications to go on fighting Tang San? What she was capable of right now was only spitting out another cloud of poison mist, that's all.

The strange purple lustre on the Eight Spider Lances glittered, like all rivers running into the sea^[1] the violet poison mist Dugu Yan was doing her utmost to once again spit out unexpectedly frantically rushed towards the Eight Spider Lances, and in an eyeblink it was already swallowed up.

Four of Tang San's eight Eight Spider Lances stretched down to the ground, propping up his body, two of the other four easily piercing Dugu Yan's serpent tail, with an effort unexpectedly raising her into the air.

By now, all the Emperor Team members that could fight had already lost the capability to continue the battle.

Nine Heart Flowering Apple Spirit Master Xie Lingling's eyes equally revealed a panicked expression, although her Nine Heart Flowering Apple once again used its power, healing the injured Spirit Masters on their side, it was unable to recover the Battle Spirit Masters' expended spirit power, and even more unable to remove the terrifying toxin of the Eight Spider Lances.

"Put her down, we concede."

Yu Tian-Heng watched Dugu Yan raised up by Tang San's Eight

Spider Lances, his heart abruptly contracting.

He clearly saw that not far from him lay the two Black Tortoise Spirit Masters whose arms had been hit, their arms having swollen up to twice their normal size, their faces covered with purple qi, seemingly on the point of dying.

The Spider Lances swung easily, throwing Dugu yan to the side. Tang San didn't pay any attention to Yu Tian-Heng, the four upper Spider Lances pointing in front of him, sharp points closing in on Nine Heart Flowering Apple Spirit Master Xie Lingling,

"Treat our people."

"Little San, first detoxify them."

Just at this time, Grandmaster's timely voice reached the baleful Tang San's ears, making him slightly distracted.

Eight Spider Lances would give Tang San strong evil tendencies, making his attacks become even more severe, unable to control his awareness. Hearing Grandmaster's words, the raging fury in Tang San's heart gradually calmed. Blue Silver Grass dispersed in all directions, simultaneously pulling the two Black Tortoise Spirit Masters and Dugu Yan towards him.

The reason Grandmaster reminded him this time was that he well knew the severity of Tang San's Eight Spider Lances' toxin, and that in such a tense battle Tang San clearly wasn't able to hold back.

If it had been just a little later, perhaps those three would have directly withered away from the poison, just like that tree the time they tested Eight Spider Lances in the grove.

Part 2

Dugu Yan was a poison Spirit Master herself and still somewhat able to resist the Eight Spider Lances poison, but the two Black Tortoise Spirit Masters' circumstances were extremely dangerous, if not for Grandmaster's warning, a moment later even Tang San would have been unable to bring them back to life. When Tang San withdrew the

Eight Spider Lances poison, inwardly he was shocked, because the Eight Spider Lances supplemental poison had already closed in on their hearts.

However, while Tang San treated the opponents he also didn't forget his original intention, besides the three people pierced by Eight Spider Lances at his side, an additional Blue Silver Grass strand wound around the waist of Xie Lingling, pulling her before him as well. Since Tang San was still propped up by Eight Spider Lances, Xie Lingling was naturally lifted off the floor and brought over.

Xie Lingling's mask was black muslin, being very close, Tang San discovered that this mysterious auxiliary system Spirit Master possessed a pair of extremely beautiful big eyes, the expression in her eyes could be clearly seen, without any impurity, slender eyelashes slightly curved, between soft winks like they could speak.

"Assist my companions, otherwise, they will still die."

Tang San's voice was very serene, without a trace of cold intent or mood within. But it was this kind of serene way of speaking that left an extremely deep mark in Xie Lingling's heart, how was this still a man? His voice sounded somewhat young and tender, but his actions were so ferocious. Control, attack, poison, in today's fight, rather than saying Emperor Team was beaten by Shrek Seven Devils, it would be better to say it was done by him alone.

Xie Lingling didn't utter a word, shaking in fear barely managing to gather her spirit power, Nine Heart Flowering Apple light flew out, lightly covering Xiao Wu's body.

With the poison removed from the bodies of the Black Tortoise Spirit Masters and Dugu Yan, Tang San raised his head to look towards the for a long time mute White Dove female Spirit Master and announcer Doudou,

"Shouldn't you be announcing the results of this spirit fight?"

Doudou at this awoke like from a dream, basically not daring to look Tang San in the eye, hastily announcing:

"Team spirit fight, Shrek Seven Devils' victory."

Without any cheers, Oscar and Ma Hongjun stepped forward, feeding small sausages to Xiao Wu, Dai Mubai and Zhu Zhuqing. The poison mist on the spirit fight ring gradually cleared, both sides' Spirit Masters all somewhat silent. Although the battle was over, they still attentively gazed at the opponents.

Tang San didn't withdraw Eight Spider Lances, his gaze fixed on Xiao Wu, as he saw her wounds swiftly close under the aid of Nine Heart Flowering Apple, he inwardly breathed out in relief.

As Ning Rongrong helped Xiao Wu off the ground, she appeared to be a bit pale but otherwise unhindered.

Tang San at this withdrew his Blue Silver Grass and Spider Web Restraint from the Emperor Team, leaping with Eight Spider Lances he returned to his companions' side.

Dai Mubai looked at Tang San with a somewhat complicated expression in his eyes,

"Little San, apparently it's really only when Xiao Wu is in danger that you'll become an Asura incarnate, huh."

Tang San's eyes were already softening, the red light in his eyes quietly dispelling, Xiao Wu softly nodded to him, indicating she was already fine.

It was only at this moment the Shrek Seven Devils became conscious that they had truly prevailed over the formidable enemy in front of them. The faces hidden under the masks all by chance wore smiling expressions. To them, this spirit fight's difficulty had been unprecedented, also pressuring them to use their full strength - Tang San's Eight Spider Lances, Dai Mubai and Zhu Zhuqing's Spirit Fusion Ability - to reverse the flow of victory and defeat. Of course, Tang San's control as the team's soul had also been displayed vividly and thoroughly. Without that clever control, this spirit fight victory still wouldn't have been theirs.

But on the other side, the Emperor Team's members were also supporting each other to gather. Everyone's complexions were all very unsightly, especially Yu Tian-Heng and the two Black Tortoise

Spirit Masters. Their current expressions were so rigid that it seemed water would be squeezed out.

Yu Tian-Heng stared towards the Shrek Seven Devils, just in time to meet the gaze Dai Mubai gave them. Who knows how many times these two had looked face to face, but this time the circumstances were already very different.

“You’re very powerful. But, we weren’t completely outdone by you.”

Yu Tian-Heng said.

Dai Mubai calmly said:

“Right. Your own teamwork has flaws, otherwise, it couldn’t be said who would have come out on top in this spirit fight.”

Yu Tian-Heng’s strength had gained Dai Mubai’s respect, it was still his first time meeting such a tyrannical opponent on the same level as him. As Emperor Team’s captain, Yu Tian-Heng had practically endured the overwhelming majority of the combined firepower of the Shrek Seven Devils, but he still persisted in fighting to the very last moment. Although Emperor Team had lost this spirit fight, Dai Mubai understood that the Blue Lightning Tyrant Dragon hadn’t at all lost to his Evil Eye White Tiger.

Yu Tian-Heng sighed inwardly, nodding to Dai Mubai,

“I hope we’ll still have the opportunity to fight again later. Then we won’t have any more flaws.”

Dai Mubai smiled faintly,

“The victory will still be ours.”

The two’s gazes once again collided in a shower of sparks, Yu Tian-Heng drew a deep breath, then to the Black Leopard Spirit Master Osler supporting him and the others saying:

“We’re leaving.”

The party of seven slowly walked towards the Spirit Master entrance with somewhat staggering steps. Defeat made their

departing figures seem somewhat frail.

Jade Phosphor Serpent Spirit Master Dugu Yan suddenly paused, turning her head to look at Tang San who was slowly withdrawing his Eight Spider Lances,

“Your poison is very ferocious, even capable of breaking my serpent venom. I’ll always remember my disgrace today. One day, I’ll let you fall before my serpent venom as well.”

Tang San serenely looked at the opponent, calmly replying:

“I’ll look forward to it.”

Turning her head along with Dugu Yan was still Nine Heart Flowering Apple Spirit Master Xie Lingling, her gaze was different from Dugu Yan’s resentment, rather a shaking in fear kind of lustrous brilliance, looking deeply at Tang San, wanting to say something but in the end without speaking up. Turning around and leaving along with her companions.

Watching the opponents’ backs, Dai Mubai suddenly smiled,

“We won.”

Oscar grinned, handing over a recovery sausage to everyone,

“Yes, we won.”

Seven people looked at each other, each extending their right hand. Shrek Seven Devils’ seven hands piled up in the air, chewing Oscar’s big sausage, in this moment the joy of victory and camaraderie bursting out.

Applause suddenly echoed, amplified by special equipment from within the VIP lounges. Shrek Seven Devils’ display won the hearts of the audience, and even though the quantity of spectators wasn’t as high as on the outside, to a victory like this, this judicious applause was a perfect end to such a powerful collision of a team spirit battle.

Qin Ming from beginning to end stood at the entrance of the passage, waiting for his disciples to walk over one by one. On his

face wasn't any displeased expression, instead wearing a faint smile. It seemed that to him, this might be a very good result.

"I'm sorry, teacher Qin, we lost."

Yu Tian-Heng stopped before Qin Ming, lowering his always arrogant head.

Qin Ming didn't speak, only calmly looked at him, Yu Tian-Heng could be said to be the disciple he was most proud of, but he was also prideful.

Yu Tian-heng continued:

"The responsibility for today's defeat is all mine. I didn't lead well enough, acting like a lone warrior, falling into the opponents' trap. If you wish it, punish me."

Qin Ming was in no way a gentle person, just the opposite, when he taught his disciples he was extremely strict, readily using severe punishments.

"No, captain, this can't be blamed at you. Who could have expected the opponents would be so treacherous."

Black Leopard Spirit Master Osler hastily covered for Yu Tian-Heng.

Yu Tian-Heng sighed lightly, shaking his head:

"No, Osler, treachery is all the same a strength, losing is losing, in circumstances where we outclassed the opponents in spirit power and spirit rings we still lost, this can only prove we made too many too large mistakes in this fight."

"Tian-Heng, even if there were mistakes, the mistakes still weren't yours. It was me, as control system Spirit Master, the team's soul, I'm the commander in the field, it was me who didn't lead everyone well enough."

From childhood, Dugu Yan had very rarely wept, in her twenty years of life she had practically always sailed with favorable winds. A rare poison type control capability, a profound background, formidable spirit power among her peers, always placing her at the summit of

the pyramid. Today's defeat was a larger blow than to anyone else, at this moment, humiliated tears subconsciously flowed from her eyes.

The two Black Tortoise Spirit Masters didn't speak, Yu Feng wanted to say something but was stopped by Qin Ming's raised hand.

"To you, although this is a defeat, it's still a good thing."

Qin Ming spoke with a smile. His tone not the slightest strict to the Emperor Team members.

Yu Tian-Heng looked blankly at Qin Ming, in his heart immediately understanding something.

Osler couldn't help but say:

"Teacher Qin, we lost this badly, how is it still a good thing?"

Qin Ming calmly said:

"Because, until now your experiences have all really been too smooth. Now you have admittedly met with a setback, but this setback after all hasn't let anyone among you suffer irrevocable harm. If this setback had occurred in the future, then perhaps you would understand all this at the price of your life. Being defeated isn't frightening, what's frightening is being unable to learn from defeat. I think you should already have found some of your mistakes. Then, when you meet this kind of opponent next time, you will become even more formidable. Shrek Seven Devils defeated you, but at the same time they woke you up. Each of you have profound talent. I only present you with these words."

Part 3

Here he paused, gaze sweeping across the Emperor Team's members,

"Growth in defeat."

"Growth in defeat."

The Emperor Team members all repeated Qin Ming's words.

Qin Ming waved his hand,

"You all return to rest. Recover as quickly as possible. I still have to go see some people."

Finished speaking, Qin Ming turned around and left with large strides.

Completely opposite to the gloom of the Emperor Team, as Shrek Seven Devils walked through the applause to Grandmaster, Flender and Zhao Wuji, their eyes were filled with excitement that couldn't be suppressed.

The two master and disciple Grandmaster and Tang San looked face to face, in Grandmaster's eyes Tang San saw satisfaction. Obtaining his Teacher's approval, to Tang San was even more significant than the audience's applause.

Grandmaster wasn't stingy with his very satisfied words,

"Very good, you won, you not only prevailed over the opponents, at the same time you also defeated yourselves. This team spirit fight today, even if it was the second stage training exam, you all passed my test with exceptional grades."

Oscar grinned, saying:

"Grandmaster, then after we return, shouldn't we have a vacation?"

To the side Flender frowned:

"You brats still can't be too complacent. Don't tell me you can't see how lucky today's victory was? In a genuine contest of strength you wouldn't be the match of Emperor Team."

Oscar said:

"But, dean, I remember you once taught us that luck is also a kind of strength. Don't tell me you've already forgotten?"

"Eh....., you stinking brat. Humph."

Although Flender's mouth was reprimanding Oscar, in fact, inwardly he was even more excited than Grandmaster.

Shrek Academy could be said to be firmly managed by him until now. But right now, the most outstanding Shrek Academy students in its history had arrived.

He believed that in less than twenty years these children before him would bring a storm to the entire Douluo Continent's Spirit Master world. A true storm.

Zhao Wuji smiling said:

"Fine, Flender, you don't have to appear strict when you're soft inside, this time the children have also worked hard. Grandmaster, you say whether they can rest for a time once we're back."

Grandmaster slowly nodded,

"We should let them rest a while. When we return, we'll give them half a month of vacation. They can do whatever they wish. Afterwards I will consider when to begin the third stage training."

"Ah? There's still a third stage?"

Besides Tang San, the other six couldn't help but simultaneously cry out in alarm.

Grandmaster only swept his flat gaze over them, his face also recovering to its traditional rigidity,

"Why? You have any complaints?"

"No, no, of course not. Grandmaster, you are the wisest. Let alone the third stage, even if it's the fourth or fifth, we will certainly be able to persevere."

Oscar rushed to reply. The others were all inwardly wiping sweatdrops.

They all had to admit that Grandmaster's training methods undoubtedly had superb results, but nobody wanted to think back to the suffering they had experienced. The first and second stages

were already so difficult, what could that third stage training be?

At that moment, a person was strolling over. Before he reached them, his voice preceded him,

“Dean Flender, vice dean Zhao Wuji, are you well? Disciple Qin Ming pays his respects.”

The arrival was precisely Emperor Team’s coach teacher Qin Ming, with just a few rapid steps, he kneeled before Flender and Zhao Wuji. Right now, he was already completely without the controlled calm he had before the Emperor Team, his eyes shone with emotion.

Flender used his hand to prop up the glasses on his nose,

“I still thought you’d forgotten us long ago, you stinking brat.”

Zhao Wuji pulled up Qin Ming from the ground, sizing him up, then laughed out loud.

“Good brat, you’re more and more ferocious. It seems that it won’t be much longer before you catch up to us old codgers.”

Qin Ming deferentially put his hands down and stood up,

“Regardless of how long, the two dean’s are always Qin Ming’s teachers, Qin Ming will also forever be a disciple of Shrek Academy.”

Looking at the scene in front, the Shrek Seven Devils couldn’t help but be dumbstruck. Although they didn’t know what Qin Ming was actually doing, they had clearly seen Qin Ming at the entrance on the other side of the spirit fighting ring.

This person clearly was very closely related to Emperor Team, but hearing the meaning in his words, wouldn’t he be.....

Flender raised his hand, clapping hard at Qin Ming’s shoulder,

“It’s already been so many years since you left the Academy, but you still are as awkward as before. Come, I’ll give you introductions, this is Grandmaster, these other seven little monsters you just now had a look at in the spirit fighting ring.”

Qin Ming first deferentially saluted Grandmaster, furthermore with the courtesy of a disciple,

“Hello, Grandmaster.”

Grandmaster leaned to the side, without accepting his courtesy calmly saying:

“No need to be polite.”

Qin Ming looked at Grandmaster not accepting his courtesy and couldn't help be a bit cold, to the side Flender smiled:

“You are his nephew's teacher, in this respect you and he are of the same generation, of course he won't accept your courtesy.”

Qin Ming puzzled looked at Flender, in Grandmaster's eyes was a resentful light, apparently rebuking Flender for revealing his background.

Flender grinned, saying:

“Everyone here's on our side, you don't have to hide it. Don't tell me you insist on me not telling everyone that Yu Tian-Heng is your nephew^[2]?”

“What?”

The Shrek Seven Devils practically simultaneously cried out in shock, how could they have expected that Grandmaster would actually be born from the seven great clans, and even the one possessing the most attack power, Blue Lightning Tyrant Dragon clan.

Grandmaster's expression immediately became gloomy,

“You already told them. Flender, I told you repeatedly that me and the Blue Lightning Tyrant Dragon clan haven't had any relationship for a long time.”

Leaving behind these words, Grandmaster turned around and left for the outside.

Tang San stepped forward wanting to catch up to his Teacher, but Grandmaster raised his hand to stop him,

“You still have to go calculate the points from this month’s spirit fights, you will later return with Flender. I have some business.”

Following Grandmaster with his eyes, Tang San somewhat puzzled looked at Flender. In his heart he already gradually came to understand the reason. No wonder when Grandmaster mentioned the Blue Lightning Tyrant Dragon clan that time his expression was a bit peculiar.

Originally he was from such a formidable Spirit Master clan, in that kind of clan, possessing such a feeble variant spirit as San Pao, if it was him, perhaps he also.....

Flender somewhat remorsefully said:

“It’s my shooting my mouth off. Never mind it, Xiao Gang is already long since used to this.”

Qin Ming drew a long breath,

“I really didn’t expect that Grandmaster unexpectedly was Tian-Heng’s uncle.”

Flender’s expression very quickly recovered to normal, saying to the Shrek Seven Devils:

“You’re certainly very baffled about why Qin Ming would come here. It’s actually very simple, he was also once like you, a person of the Shrek Academy. Furthermore he was still once our most outstanding student. Shrek Academy’s first graduate. Mubai, little San, Xiao Wu, not long ago you reduced the thirtieth rank speed record that was set by just Qin Ming.”

Qin Ming smiled faintly to the Shrek Seven Devils, saying:

“Hello all juniors. Teacher Flender, it seems our Shrek Academy’s growth is even better than before.”

Zhao Wuji to the side somewhat helplessly said:

“What ‘better’, these children are the Academy’s last batch of students.”

Qin Ming was inwardly alarmed, subconsciously saying:

“Don’t tell me the Academy’s financial problems still haven’t been settled?”

Once the words were out he became conscious of his mistake, looking toward Flender with a somewhat embarrassed expression.

Flender sighed,

“It’s a fact, we’re not hiding it. Furthermore, we’re also tired. Along with the advancement of age, we no longer have the impulses of youth. After waiting for these children to graduate, I think, we can also go to something classified as our own lives. Qin Ming, you teach those students well, they can all be regarded as elites.”

Qin Ming smiled wryly:

“It’s not that I teach well, rather that those children possess superb talent and background on their own. I also don’t have the attraction capable of teaching them, rather our Academy has enough things to attract them.”

“Eh? Saying this, you’re an Academy teacher?”

Flender somewhat astonished looked at him.

Qin Ming nodded, saying:

“Teacher Flender, right now I’m teaching at the Heaven Dou Imperial Academy^[3]. These seven children of Emperor Team are all the Heaven Dou Imperial Academy’s most outstanding disciples.

Flender chuckled, saying:

“With one look at you, I was reassured about this spirit fight. Fine, here is no place to be talking, come with us to a wine shop. So many years without seeing each other, we’ll chat.”

Qin Ming delightedly nodded agreement, his gaze sweeping over the Shrek Seven Devils one by one, his thoughts secretly moving.

He had clearly heard what Flender said, he also very clearly knew what kind of record he had held at the Shrek Academy, and

unexpectedly three of these seven children had already broken his record, it was obvious their present age shouldn't be high.

Notes

1. Idiom: Obtaining the same results by different means.
2. (侄子) The son of a brother.
3. (天斗皇家学院)

053 – Shrek, Gold Level Spirit Fighting Team

Part 1

Qin Ming thought to himself, the Shrek Seven Devils' circumstances should definitely be the same as his. In other words, the Shrek Seven Devils before him should be even younger than the Emperor Team's seven students fostered at the Heaven Dou Imperial Academy, and also more outstanding. He was also only too well aware of the Shrek Academy's circumstances. With the Academy's circumstances like that, unexpectedly able to foster these genius Spirit Master, what did this imply?

The Shrek Seven Devils' gazes were at this moment all focused on Qin Ming, the previous fight to them was so challenging, right now it turned out the opponents' teacher actually was their senior, this kind of feeling to them was fantastic, and also somewhat strange.

Flender turned to the Shrek Seven Devils, saying:

"Well, you go settle your points first. Afterwards return at once. Wuji, Qin Ming, we'll leave."

Flender's trio left, only leaving the Shrek Seven Devils, right now, the seven with the help of Oscar's recovery sausage had already recovered a lot of their physical strength, spirit power had also recovered somewhat.

Ma Hongjun muttered to himself:

"Unexpectedly I was already so awesome, even the Heaven Dou Imperial Academy's elite were unable to beat me. Haha, I really am talented."

Dai Mubai grumpily hit the top of Fatty's head,

"Talented your head. Was the Emperor Team beaten by you? That

was little San being awesome. If we had to rely on you, perhaps we would long ago have been beaten until we pissed in terror.”

Fatty grinned, saying:

“Boss Dai, no need to say that. Didn’t Grandmaster say we are one entity, each person contributes, little San is awesome, but I, Fatty, also have real skill. However, third brother, your younger brother thanks you.”

Xiao Wu baffled looked at Fatty, saying:

“You’re thanking little San for what?”

Fatty chuckled, looking at Tang San with an expression clearly showing some gratitude,

“Although I, Fatty, am not regarded as clever, I absolutely am not a fool. When little San confronted that shield attack, he never resorted to using Oscar’s mushroom sausage to dodge. Of course it was because I was behind him with Oscar and Ning Rongrong. Otherwise, if he had only taken it a bit easy and flown off, then what would those two Black Tortoises have been looking at?”

Tang San smiling said:

“Weren’t you just saying that we are one entity, I can never betray a teammate. Everyone are our people, there’s no need for words of gratitude, if I show an opening, will you not also just like that come to my aid? Boss Dai, let’s leave. After drawing the points and changing spirit fighter level we’ll go back early. Oh, that’s right, just now senior Qin Ming said the Heaven Dou Imperial Academy was what kind of academy?”

Dai Mubai was speechless a while,

“Little San, you’re not saying, you don’t even know about Heaven Dou Imperial Academy?”

Tang San scratched his head, saying:

“I really don’t know!”

To the side Xiao Wu nodded,

“I also don’t know. Don’t tell me they’re very famous?”

Ning Rongrong said:

“How can it be described as ‘famous’. Heaven Dou Imperial College was founded by the Heaven Dou Empire’s imperial family. Throughout history the dean of Heaven Dou Imperial Academy has always been a concurrent position for the Heaven Dou Empire’s regent. Famous, you ask? In Heaven Dou Empire the Heaven Dou Imperial Academy is the single largest Advanced Spirit Master Academy. Every kind of facility is perfect beyond imagination. Originally, if I hadn’t been enrolled at Shrek Academy, I might have gone there.”

Dai Mubai said:

“Only it’s a pity, although Heaven Dou Academy is good in itself, their connection to the imperial family brings major restrictions. The Heaven Dou Imperial Academy’s first requirement for accepting students is that the student has to be a noble, making a lot of remarkable commoner students unable to join. Also precisely because the students are nobles leads to the facilities being faultless and the teacher’s strength formidable and thus the Heaven Dou Imperial Academy is always the first ranked, but not a lot of famous Spirit Masters appear from there.”

Royal family connection. Tang San slowly nodded, he wasn’t envious of the other academy’s facilities, he was only somewhat curious about this Academy, that’s all. It was no wonder the Emperor Team members all possessed such powerful spirits, unexpectedly it was because they came from this kind of famous academy.

Oscar suddenly said:

“Boss Dai, Tang San, did you see how high senior Qin Ming’s present rank is?”

Dai Mubai looked blank,

“Going by senior’s appearance, he should already be over thirty

years old. The Academy's previous record was thirtieth rank at age fourteen, still two months earlier than you. Like this it would appear senior Qin Ming is at least fiftieth ranked. At thirty already over fiftieth rank, truly powerful. No wonder he could become a teacher at Heaven Dou Imperial Academy."

Tang San slowly nodded, expressing approval of Dai Mubai's conjecture.

Oscar shook his head, saying:

"I don't see it like that. At fiftieth rank becoming a teacher at an Advanced Spirit Master Academy is admittedly no problem. But what you must take into account is that Qin Ming brought the Emperor Team. Then, his position at Heaven Dou Imperial Academy will inevitably be very high. Without guaranteed strength, is this possible? I think that even if he isn't sixtieth rank, then perhaps he isn't far from it."

Fatty was clearly somewhat impatient with standing here,

"Fine. Let's go. If you want to know senior Qin Ming's rank, just go back and ask. There's no need to stand here and guess."

One month of spirit fighting had at last ended, defeating the Emperor Team, the Shrek Seven Devils obtained a team spirit fighting record of twenty eight complete victories, furthermore according to the agreement between Grandmaster and Suotuo Great Spirit Arena, apart from Oscar and Ning Rongrong, each person would raise their one versus one fighting record by one bout. And besides Fatty who didn't have a partner, the other six each obtained one two versus two victory record. After so many spirit fights, each person was somewhat curious about their points. They also didn't know what kind of degree their points from successive victories could reach.

This couldn't just be about points, at the same time there was the award money. All were today, on the last day of the month, calculated and distributed.

Without waiting for the seven to go to the specialized point calculation area, that manager Ao already took the initiative to come

to them, asking the seven to come to a high level Spirit Master area specially dedicated to calculate points.

Manager Ao's face was currently flushed with success, Shrek Seven Devils prevailed over Emperor Team, not only averting losses for Suotuo Great Spirit Arena, but furthermore making the Great Spirit Arena a large profit. To these outstanding Spirit Masters, Suotuo Great Spirit Arena naturally wouldn't be stingy.

Manager Ao handed over a black card to Shrek Seven Devils team captain Dai Mubai,

"This is the agreed upon sum of ten thousand gold spirit coins, mister team captain. This black card is usable at any bank on the Continent, and can be directly converted into the corresponding amount."

Dai Mubai also wasn't polite, directly taking the black card and placing it in his chest,

"Manager Ao, could you calculate our points now. We're still tired, hoping to return early to rest."

"Of course, of course."

Manager Ao was exceptionally polite, hastily gesturing for a staff member to the side to calculate this past month's points for the Shrek Seven Devils.

He had clearly seen today's team spirit battle with his own eyes, Tang San was admittedly remarkable, but he regarded Dai Mubai's and Zhu Zhuqing's spirit fusion ability as even more significant. As a matter of fact, among Spirit Masters, the appearance of the spirit fusion ability was extremely rare, once the users' strength increased a certain degree, then, the spirit fusion ability would be an existence opposing Heaven. To young Spirit Masters with this kind of potential, the Great Spirit Arena absolutely hoped to entice them. Therefore to Dai Mubai, this manager Ao was even more polite. He already thought, next month, when the Shrek Seven Devils again came to join spirit fights, he would look after them especially well, as far as possible winning over these youngsters with outstanding strength.

But how could he know that this was the last spirit fight of the Shrek Seven Devils at the Suotuo Great Spirit Arena.

The calculation results appeared very quickly. The staff member held out a calculation form:

“Evil Eye White Tiger: Because of there being more than three months between previous months’ fights and this month’s first fight, and previously being without a record of five successive victories, previous months’ obtained spirit fight victories will not be counted cumulatively with this month’s successive victories.

One versus one spirit fights, this months achievement: twenty six wins and two losses, among these, the two lost bouts separating fifteen bouts out of twenty seven bouts, therefore, the number of bouts with five or more successive victories are divided into two calculations, altogether ten bouts, five bouts with ten successive victories or more.

Obtained points: 609.

Two versus two spirit fights, Dual Winged White Tiger combination member, seventeen wins and eleven losses, among them two bouts with five or more successive victories.

Obtained points: 24.

Team spirit fights, Shrek Seven Devils team captain, twenty eight victories, among them five bouts with five or more successive victories, eighteen bouts with ten successive victories or more.

Obtained points: 1855.

Obtained points at the start of the month: 3, this month’s obtained points, grand total of 2488, overall obtained points: 2491. Spirit fighter badge advances to silver spirit fighter level.”

Finishing the announcement, the staff member handed over a silver spirit fighter badge already prepared according to Dai Mubai’s remaining record. Furthermore handing over another black card, containing the gold coin bonus for successive victories.

“Sausage Monopoly: Prior to this month without a spirit fight record. This month’s performance:

One versus one spirit fights, none.

Two versus two spirit fights, Double Winged White Tiger combination member, seventeen victories and eleven losses, among them two bouts with five or more successive victories. Obtained points: 24.

Team spirit fights, Shrek Seven Devils team member, twenty eight successive victories, among them five bouts with five or more successive victories, eighteen bouts with ten or more successive victories. Obtained points: 1855.

Previous months points: 0, this months points, grand total of 1855, overall obtained points: 1879. Spirit fighter badge advances to silver spirit fight level.”

Part 2

In the same manner, Oscar also received a special silver spirit fighter badge and gold spirit coins on a card.

The third person’s turn naturally was Tang San, among everyone, Tang San’s record undoubtedly was the best, whether it was one versus one, two versus two or team spirit fights, he had a perfect record.

“Thousand Hands Asura: Because of there being more than three months between previous months’ fights and this month’s first fight, and previously being without a record of five successive victories, previous months’ obtained spirit fight victories will not be counted cumulatively with this month’s successive victories.

One versus one spirit fights, this months record is twenty eight successive victories, among them five bouts with five or more successive victories, eighteen bouts with ten successive victories or more. Obtained points: 1855.

Two versus two spirit fights, Three Five Combination member, twenty eight successive victories, among them five bouts with five or

more successive victories, eighteen bouts with ten successive victories or more. Obtained points: 1855.

Team spirit fights, Shrek Seven Devils team member, twenty eight successive victories, among them five bouts with five or more successive victories, eighteen bouts with ten successive victories or more. Obtained points: 1855.

Obtained points at the start of the month: 2, this month's obtained points, grand total of 5565, overall obtained points: 5567. Spirit fighter badge advances to gold spirit fighter level."

Let alone Tang San and the Shrek Seven Devils, even manager Ao to the side couldn't help but be dumbfounded when he heard the number five thousand five hundred sixty seven. As far as he could remember there had never been an iron spirit fighter Spirit Master able to receive such a high score in one month. Unexpectedly able to leap straight from the iron spirit fighter level to the five thousand points required for gold spirit fights. Let alone Suotuo Spirit Arena, something like this might not have happened in any Great Spirit Arena on the Continent.

Taking the heavy gold spirit fighter badge, Tang San showed a faint smile, his effort for one month hadn't been wasted.

"Not good."

Ma Hongjun suddenly shouted out.

Dai Mubai unhappily glared at him,

"What's not good?"

Ma Hongjun stared at Tang San:

"Since third brother has a gold spirit fighter badge, then hereafter when we again participate in team spirit fights won't we have to battle with gold spirit fighter level teams? How will we win? A silver spirit fighter level Emperor Team was already so dangerous to defeat."

Hearing Fatty's words everyone immediately understood, team spirit

fight were calculated according to the member with the highest spirit fighter level and the highest spirit power level. In other words, with a gold spirit fighter member, they had to participate in gold spirit fighter level matches. For a moment everyone couldn't help looking distracted, staring strangely at Tang San.

Tang San smiled wryly:

"Apparently I have too many points. It also seems that isn't a good thing."

With them having this kind of notion, manager Ao to the side couldn't look at them like this,

"This, I think you basically don't have to worry about."

Manager Ao looked at them with a wry smile,

"Everyone, let alone gold spirit fighter level, even if it is silver spirit fighter level teams, perhaps you would find it very difficult to find, unless the Emperor Team reappears."

"Why?"

Tang San curious asked.

Manager Ao said:

"Generally speaking, obtaining points is done incrementally, successive victories is very difficult to obtain, circumstances like you obtaining points so quickly, after all these years it's still my first time seeing it. Under normal circumstances, among thirtieth level Spirit Masters, there will also only be iron spirit fighters and copper spirit fighters. Silver spirit fighters basically wouldn't appear, before finally reaching fortieth level or higher. As spirit power increases, one's spirit's advantages emerges, possessing a certain advantage on the same level, points will increase quickly, advancing to silver spirit fighter, on even higher levels to gold spirit fighter. Something like you, on the thirtieth level becoming a gold spirit fighter team, I have never even heard of. I don't know the circumstances in Star Luo Empire, but in our Star Dou Empire's Great Spirit Arenas there wouldn't be a second thirtieth level gold spirit fighter team. Even if it

was thirtieth level spirit fighter teams, perhaps there wouldn't be more than five. Furthermore it would also be very difficult to find a team more powerful than Emperor Team. Therefore, you can safely believe that on your level, you are the strongest."

Without opponents? The Shrek Seven Devils all smiled, apart from Tang San, the eldest among them was no more than fifteen. As Spirit Masters, how couldn't they hope for their strength to be formidable?

A common voice appeared in their hearts: 'We, Shrek Seven Devils, are a gold spirit fighting team.'

The remaining four people also calculated their points. With the guarantee of twenty eight successive victories, without exception, all had more than a thousand points, smoothly obtaining silver spirit fighter badges.

Until they left the Great Spirit Arena, everyone still thought it was somewhat inconceivable. By now, they had already found a lonely lavatory to change their costumes.

Looking at the sparkling stars in the night sky, Oscar murmured:

"One month, in just one month I've really become a silver spirit fighter? Every time hereafter I again participate in spirit fights I'll be able to obtain plenty of gold spirit coins? This really is too unimaginable."

His arm suddenly smarting, Oscar pivoted quickly and shuddered, feeling wronged looking at the beauty next to him,

"Rongrong, what are you doing pinching me?"

Ning Rongrong's beautiful young face expressed a smile harmless to men or beasts,

"I checked whether it hurts, if it hurts, then it isn't a dream."

As the two auxiliary system Spirit Master, able to so quickly obtain silver spirit fighter qualifications, their thoughts were naturally the closest.

Oscar didn't hold any resentment for being pinched by Ning

Rongrong, kneading the place where he was pinched, he said in a deadpan voice:

“I’ve decided, this month I will not bathe.”

Tang San smiling said:

“That’s no problem, as long as you don’t sleep in the same room as me. Otherwise, I can’t guarantee I won’t throw you and your stink in the river while you sleep.”

While speaking, he also made a throwing motion, drawing everyone’s laughter.

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The Emperor Team members all supported each other to walk back to their hotel.

Although their injuries had all been cured by Xie Lingling’s Nine Heart Flowering Apple, because of the Shi brothers and Dugu Yan previously suffering from Tang San’s Man Faced Demon Spider poison, right now they were still very weak. Even more importantly, this time losing a spirit fight was an extremely critical blow to their spirit.

Xie Lingling supported Dugu Yan, Osler supported Yu Tian-Heng, the one considered having the best condition Wind Chime Bird Spirit Master Yu Feng supported the Shi brothers, together resembling soldiers from a defeated army.

The seven walked in a lifeless atmosphere, just when they were about to return to the hotel, a person suddenly blocked their path.

“Tian-Heng. Do you still remember me?”

A somewhat strange resonant voice, making the depressed Yu Tian-Heng surprised raise his head.

In the moonlight, he could with difficulty see the person obstructing them, hesitating slightly,

“You, you’re, ah, uncle^[1]. How could you be here?”

The person barring the Emperor Team was precisely Grandmaster.

Grandmaster walked forward to stand in front of Yu Tian-Heng,

“Let’s chat alone.”

Yu Tian-Heng right now had even forgotten being depressed from losing the battle, hastily nodding, indicating to the other members, letting them return to the hotel first.

The Emperor Team people when hearing this person was Yu Tian-Heng’s uncle naturally didn’t have anything to say, directly returning to their residence not far away.

“Uncle, you’re here.....”

Looking at Grandmaster, Yu Tian-Heng’s throat seemed to choke up. Although it had already been very many years since Grandmaster left the family, he could still clearly remember this uncle frequently carrying him to play in his childhood, at that time, his face also wasn’t as rigid as now. His father, as the eldest son and heir, every day had to study managing the clan with his grandfather and cultivate, in his childhood the one who spent more time with him was this uncle, even so much that for a very long time, Yu Tian-Heng would regard this Grandmaster before him as a father.

Grandmaster’s eyes held a gentle light, clapping Yu Tian-Heng’s shoulder,

“It seems you have done well these years. Thirty ninth ranked, little Heng has grown up.”

The edges of Yu Tian-Heng’s eyes reddened, he who had just gone through a setback, suddenly finding a close relative would naturally have a kind of dependant feeling. Choking with emotion saying:

“Uncle, come back home with me. Actually, grandfather always thought of you. Dad also.”

Intense emotion flitted past in Grandmaster’s eyes, lightly sighing, calmly saying:

“Although your grandfather is the clan head, in the clan, it’s not at all

the clan head who has the final word. I was driven out of the clan long ago, struck from the genealogy. How could I still return? Are your grandfather and father still well?"

Yu Tian-Heng nodded,

"They're both very well. Only grandfather is getting old, already handling fewer matters. In the clan the majority of affairs are managed by dad. Uncle, did you know, many times in the past I found grandfather staring blankly at a portrait of you. He, he definitely very much wants you to come back to visit."

"Enough said."

Grandmaster suddenly somewhat irritably interrupted Yu Tian-Heng, his whole body twitching slightly, for a long time unable to be calm.

Yu Tian-Heng tactfully didn't speak further, but looked at Grandmaster, his eyes moist.

Not so long before, Grandmaster had carried him in his big warm hands, played with him, told him Spirit Master anecdotes. From Yu Tian-Heng's entire childhood, these memories were all much more profound than any others he had.

As the clan's eldest grandson, his grandfather and father's requirements of him were extremely strict, concerned only with his spirit power progress and spirit ability applications, only Grandmaster, only this uncle, would truly give him some childhood happiness.

Part 3

After a long time, Grandmaster drew a deep breath, calming the surging emotions in his heart,

"Tian-Heng, perhaps not long after, we will still meet again. No need to be so discouraged by defeat as today. Defeat isn't frightening, what's frightening is not being able to find the lessons in defeat. Your own strength is very great, but from seeing the spirit fight today, you haven't displayed your true strength. Otherwise victory and defeat

would have been difficult to guess.”

Yu Tian-Heng’s heart moved,

“Uncle, you also saw our team spirit fight today? I let the family lose face.”

Grandmaster shook his head,

“Do you know where your mistakes were?”

Yu Tian-Heng somewhat blankly looked at Grandmaster, if this was asked by Qin Ming, perhaps he would have a lot of replies, but being asked by his uncle, in the whole clan with the lowest position, even to the extent that he didn’t inherit the directly related Tyrant Dragon, for some reason, he was left speechless.

Grandmaster raised his right hand to grab Yu Tian-Heng’s shoulder,

“You didn’t lose to the opponent in skill, rather they lost to you. Right, with your fundamentals, as far as spirit ability application goes, there aren’t any issues. The reason why you would fall into the opponent’s trap, is because of the arrogance in your heart. The arrogance of the Blue Lightning Tyrant Dragon clan.”

“Arrogance.....”

Yu Tian-Heng looked at Grandmaster, something gradually forming in his eyes. He was extremely intelligent, with Grandmaster and Qin Ming raising the same point one after another, he immediately became aware of some key problem.

“Uncle, don’t worry, the next time I have the opportunity, I absolutely won’t lose to them again.”

Grandmaster exposed a rare smile,

“You will have the opportunity. Because, I am the Shrek Seven Devils team’s leader.”

“What?”

Yu Tian-Heng was gobsmacked, looking at Grandmaster without daring to believe, in the clan, he had heard all the rumors concerning

Grandmaster, all said Grandmaster possessed a trash spirit, and still those events bringing disgrace to the family, even though he really didn't care about these, he was still unusually clear on Grandmaster's strength, that strength forever unable to break through the thirtieth rank!

Grandmaster calmly smiled, saying:

"Very strange, isn't it? Right, my own strength is low, but that doesn't mean I'm unable to teach disciples well. The Shrek Seven Devils can't all be said to be my disciples, but at present I'm their teacher. I only have one direct disciple. You also met him just now, Shrek Seven Devils' control system Spirit Master."

"Him?"

Yu Tian-Heng's gaze at Grandmaster changed. In the previous spirit fight, of the two people who gave him the most profound impressions, besides Dai Mubai who could block him from the front, was that one completely controlling the battle situation, Tang San.

A radiance flashed in Grandmaster's eyes,

"One day, I will let the people of the world know that, although I, Yu Xiao-Gang, am rubbish, I can teach an incomparable genius. Tian-Heng, I'm leaving. Remember my words. If you wish to under any circumstances display your full strength, bringing your team to the ultimate victory, then, give up that arrogance."

Finished speaking, Grandmaster looked deeply at Yu Tian-Heng, again clapping his shoulder, turning around and walking into the darkness.

"Uncle, can't you also teach me?"

Yu Tian-Heng caught up to him.

Grandmaster paused, lightly shaking his head,

"Tian-Heng, if the clan knew I taught you, what do you believe they would do? Perhaps I would immediately become the Blue Lightning Tyrant Dragon clan's enemy. If you truly want to become a mighty

Spirit Master, then, set that apprentice of mine as a goal. If you can still surpass him in one year, then, you inevitably already stand on the summit of the Continent's Spirit Masters."

"Uncle, why?"

Yu Tian-Heng was somewhat unconvinced. Although he was extremely shocked by Tang San's control strength and supplementary toxicity, he certainly believed that whatever variation that was, it was still just Blue Silver Grass and could never compare to his Blue Lightning Tyrant Dragon. If it was a one versus one duel, he certainly would be able to surmount the opponent.

Grandmaster stopped walking, turning his head to look at Yu Tian-Heng,

"Do you know how high his spirit power rank is?"

Yu Tian-Heng pondered it, saying:

"By the materials I received, he should be thirty second rank, nicknamed Thousand Hands Asura. But I think his spirit power should be more or less the same as mine."

The circumstances of Tang San controlling the entire situation was still vivid in his mind, how could he believe that this was accomplished by a control system Spirit Master with spirit power seven ranks lower than his own. His side's Dugu Yan was also a control system Spirit Master, with thirty eighth ranked spirit power, but she was completely suppressed by him.

Grandmaster shook his head, saying:

"No, the materials you got were correct. Little San really only has thirty second ranked spirit power. Then, do you know how old he is?"

Yu Tian-Heng shook his head, his heart suddenly skipping a beat.

Grandmaster calmly smiled,

"He just had his thirteenth birthday, when he was twelve he obtained his third spirit ring."

Having said this, he no longer stopped, turning around and swiftly leaving. Even this couldn't completely represent Tang San's talent, he still had the greatest secret: twin spirits.

Yu Tian-Heng stood there sluggishly, for a long time without moving, until Dugu Yan with Xie Lingling's support once again came to find him, rousing him from lifelessness.

Thirty second rank, thirteen years old. These two figures constantly circled in his mind. At this moment he at last understood why uncle would say that if he wanted to become a great Spirit Master he should follow that person's footsteps. 'Uncle, what kind of monster are you teaching?'

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"Yawn."

Tang San sneezed, rubbing his nose.

"Little San, are you all right?"

It had to be said, that Nine Heart Flowering Apple Spirit's healing capabilities were astonishing, right now Xiao Wu, apart from a somewhat pale complexion, was already without any major obstructions, the wounds not even having left any scars.

Tang San shook his head, smiling:

"It's nothing, perhaps someone was thinking about me."

Saying this, he unconsciously recalled his father. 'Dad, where are you really, after so many years, where have you gone? Why have you never come back to see me, don't you want to see your son?'

Before coming to Suotuo City, he still specially returned home, leaving a brief note and telling old Jack that if his father returned, to at once tell him where he was. Six years, already six years had passed, but his father had never sent a letter.

In his old world he never had close relatives, in this world, he had with difficulty had a father, but, he had left him.

Xiao Wu was naturally very familiar with Tang San, seeing his gaze change she already knew what was on his mind,

“Little San, don’t think too much. I believe that not much later, uncle will definitely come back.”

Tang San nodded silently. Right now, the party at last returned to the hotel.

Entering the hotel, they at once saw the Flender’s trio sitting in a dark corner gossiping. The food and drink on the trio’s table didn’t appear to change much while they talked about something.

“Hey hey, there’s wine.”

Fatty was the first to walk over. He was also considered Flender’s direct disciple, not as restrained before Flender as other people.

“Teacher, we won today, shouldn’t we also be rewarded with some food and drink?”

Ma Hongjun walked over next to Flender’s side, holding out a hand for a wine cup.

The chopsticks in Flender’s hands flipped over, striking Fatty’s knuckles, Fatty’s hand smarted, and with a loud exclamation he hastily pulled it back.

Qin Ming somewhat puzzled looked at Ma Hongjun standing at Flender’s side,

“Teacher, is this little brother also an Academy student? Since when did our Shrek Academy have so many disciples?”

Ma Hongjun loudly whimpered:

“Senior Qin, we only just separated and you have already forgotten me?”

Qin Ming widened his eyes, carefully looking at Fatty,

“You, you are just now from the Shrek Seven Devils, that flaming fatty? How old are you this year?”

Although he already had a certain expectation, when able to truly see Ma Hongjun's childish manners and plump face, he couldn't help but feel his heart twitch.

Qin Ming always knew he was regarded as a genius talent in the Spirit Master world, he was a well known figure even back at Shrek Academy. But he had previously seen the strength of this Fatty in front of him, even though it was under the assistance of Seven Treasures Glazed Tile Pagoda, he was capable of blocking thirty fifth ranked Wind Chime Bird Spirit Master Yu Feng's third spirit ability attack for such a long time, how could his strength be lacking.

The mask wearing Shrek Seven Devils only gave people the impression of being somewhat undersized, but among them Dai Mubai and Xiao Wu already had adult height, as long as they didn't say anything themselves, nobody would guess their true age.

Ma Hongjun somewhat proudly said:

"Right, I'm that Evil Fire Phoenix from just now, thirteen years old. Oh, I get it, we wore masks before, so you couldn't recognize us, right."

Right now, the other Shrek Seven Devils walked up, Qin Ming stared blankly at these mostly under fifteen children, for a moment he was speechless.

Flender issued his customary rough and sinister feeling laugh,

"Why, Qin Ming, remember our Academy's rules? We only accept twelve year old students. Ma Hongjun came to the Academy at eleven, Tang San Xiao Wu and further Ning Rongrong and Zhu Zhuqing all enrolled this year. This year we received more students than in several together."

Notes

1. (叔叔) Father's younger brother.

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Part 1

Qin Ming forced himself to swallow,

“Then this means, the majority of them are only twelve or thirteen years old?”

Flender nodded.

Qin Ming’s gaze separately swept across the Shrek Seven Devils, with a wry smile saying:

“Now I know why you wore masks. You truly are too astonishing, I always thought the Emperor Team were already pretty gifted, but in front of you they’re basically nothing. If age was the same, they wouldn’t have any chance of victory.”

Flender didn’t speak, only smiling looking at these children before him. Shrek Academy’s student’s were possibly the biggest accomplishment of his life, Qin Ming was one, the Shrek Seven Devils in front of him were equally ones.

Dai Mubai asked:

“Senior, could I be so presumptuous as to ask, right now what is your spirit power rank?”

Qin Ming subconsciously replied:

“Sixty second rank, my luck hasn’t been bad.”

The Shrek Seven Devils all looked at each other, at the same time all recalling Flender’s words. Shrek Academy only accepted monsters, not ordinary people.

“All right, don’t flatter each other, all the little monsters can sit. Eat

something, today your miserly sir dean will contribute generously, don't give me face, do as you wish."

Zhao Wuji looked at the complacent Flender, calling out to the Shrek Seven Devils in a loud voice.

Flender's smile immediately became rigid, but the Shrek Seven Devils simultaneously cheered, promptly calling for a waiter. As expected they didn't give Zhao Wuji face, directly starting to order dishes.

Ma Hongjun took the initiative to snatch the menu. Flipping through it, the menu had three pages. Raising his hand to point at the menu several times, indicating to the waiter to remember several dishes.

Flender sitting next to Ma Hongjun, watching his disciple point at several of the cheapest dishes couldn't help but feel invigorated, 'good, worthy of being my disciple, still truly letting me save money, really good.' But, Ma Hongjun's next words immediately made him fall from heaven directly into hell.

"En, those dishes I pointed to just now, apart from them bring everything else on the menu. Big portions. Also bring two kegs of ale. Serve quickly."

Ma Hongjun basically didn't give the others a chance to order, directly taking on this glorious mission on behalf of the Shrek Seven Devils.

Turning his head to look at Flender, Ma Hongjun said somewhat baffled:

"Yi, teacher, what's up with your face, why is it blue? Didn't you sleep well last night!"

To the side Qin Ming could still maintain his aloofness, but Zhao Wuji was already completely without image laughing heartily, Flender's miserliness was famous among all the Academy teachers.

Qin Ming had right now managed to restore his expression to normal, smiling:

“How can I let the dean spend so much, after so many years I’ve finally returned, two teachers, give me the opportunity to thank you for the instruction in those days. Without you, there still wouldn’t have been a Qin Ming.”

Zhao Wuji laughed, saying:

“Little Ming, you’re still so thoughtful. Originally I wanted to have a look at Flender bleeding money. Right now that doesn’t seem to be.”

When Flender heard Qin Ming was hosting, his complexion immediately became much better, glaring at Zhao Wuji, saying:

“Isn’t making a fool of me pleasurable? Fine, old Zhao, it’s been quite a while since we exchanged pointers. Once we’ve returned, I’ll look you up for sparring. It’s also to promote spirit power.”

“Eh.....”

This time it was Zhao Wuji’s turn to stop smiling, he and Flender had exchanged pointers an indeterminate number of times, naturally he was well aware of Flender’s strength. As a strength type Spirit Master, to Flender belonging to the agility attack system and also a flying Spirit Master, he basically didn’t have any way of dealing with him. Let alone when Flender’s spirit power was two ranks higher than his.

At the level they’d reached, every single rank of spirit power disparity couldn’t be as indistinct as at the Shrek Seven Devils’ level, each rank was an absolute gap.

Qin Ming looked at the sitting Shrek Seven Devils, finally his gaze stopped on Tang San, Dai Mubai and Zhu Zhuqing,

“Truly unfortunate, if you junior brothers and sisters weren’t Shrek’s people, I would use every possible means to bring you back to the Imperial Academy. If you joined, maybe.....”

Just as Qin Ming said this, a familiar voice resounded nearby,

“Even if they’re Shrek Academy’s people, you can still bring them back to the Imperial Academy all the same.”

When everyone looked over, they found Grandmaster entering from outside, also impolite, he directly sat down next to Flender.

Qin Ming probing asked:

“Grandmaster, what was the intention of what you said just now?”

Without waiting for Grandmaster to reply, Flender already gave up,

“Grandmaster, did you specially come to tear apart my support? These children belong to Shrek. Now and hereafter. Don’t tell me that we can’t give them a good education at Shrek?”

Grandmaster didn’t show any change because of Flender’s anxiety, still that rigid face, calmly saying:

“I didn’t say to let them enter Heaven Dou Imperial Academy, what I meant was, I hope the two Academies can make a mutual exchange. Teacher Qin, I think this shouldn’t be any big issue. If you can’t decide it, I can look to Spirit Hall.”

Qin Ming stared blankly at Grandmaster, for a moment not knowing how he should reply.

Flender was equally looking at Grandmaster while thinking to himself, ‘what is Xiao Gang this fellow actually trying to sell?’ But right now in front of Qin Ming he couldn’t well ask, but he and Grandmaster had been brothers for so many years, naturally he was convinced Grandmaster was a principled person.

Qin Ming pondered, saying:

“If I can exchange with the junior brothers and sisters, it would be Heaven Dou Academy’s good fortune, only I’m afraid.....”

Grandmaster said:

“You’re afraid these children are too outstanding, so in the end your Heaven Dou Imperial Academy wouldn’t return them, yes?”

The feeling of being seen through by people was unpleasant. Grandmaster would appear ordinary and mediocre, but his words possessed extreme penetrating power, directly speaking Qin Ming’s

thoughts out loud.

Qin Ming still wasn't affected, nodding, saying:

"Yes, although Heaven Dou Imperial Academy has the title of the number one academy in Heaven Dou Empire, regarding such young but already so powerful Spirit Masters, their position is steadily deteriorating. The Academy leadership is looking for talents as if thirsting for them, if the juniors go, I can't guarantee they won't have some notions. I'm afraid they would exploit every kind of relation to as far as possible convince the juniors to stay. Wouldn't that be the same as undermining the walls of our Shrek Academy?"

Flender smiled:

"Little Ming, you're pretty good. Worthy of being from my Shrek Academy, you know to give thought to the Academy. Grandmaster, little Ming isn't a stranger, if you have something to say then just say it."

Grandmaster shot a glance at Flender,

"I'm saying, teacher Qin, if I remember correctly, as an academy established by the Heaven Dou Empire imperial family, for that pageant in one year, Heaven Dou Imperial Academy should have two allocated places to compete. I can let these children temporarily act as exchange students to the Heaven Dou Imperial Academy, until after the pageant in one year has ended. I think, words like these would be favorable to you."

Qin Ming was gobsmacked,

"Grandmaster, you're saying that you would let the juniors represent Heaven Dou Imperial Academy to go participate in that pageant? But like that, Heaven Dou Academy will certainly declare to the outside that the juniors are Heaven Dou's people!"

Grandmaster calmly smiled, saying:

"Having the fame of graduating an academy isn't anything bad."

"No. I don't consent to it."

Flender angrily slapped the table and stood up, glaring at Grandmaster.

“The children are Shrek’s, Grandmaster, don’t forget that Shrek Academy is twenty years of my life’s blood.”

Grandmaster didn’t show any change from Flender’s anger,

“Flender, I’ll pose you several problems, if you can settle them, then, it doesn’t matter whether the children go to Heaven Dou. First, can you offer the children mimicry cultivation environments? Second, can you provide them with qualifications to enter the Continental Elite Spirit Master Academy Grand Competition in one year? Third, for what reason do you believe that after entering the Heaven Dou Imperial Academy, these children wouldn’t be part of Shrek? Perhaps you can’t comprehend why I’m doing this, but I must still ask you one last question, what was your intention when you established Shrek Academy?”

“I, I.....”

Flender was dumbstruck and unable to reply from Grandmaster’s rapid fire questions, glaring at Grandmaster, but that anger just now was already gradually fading, gradually becoming disappointment.

Grandmaster calmly said:

“Mimicry cultivation environments, able to provide their spirit power cultivation speed with another boost. The All Continent Spirit Master Academy Elite Grand Competition stipulates academies can only participate after passing a preliminary competition, but Shrek Academy isn’t registered with any kingdom or empire. Because we don’t have the corresponding hardware, even though Shrek Academy is famous in the Spirit Master world, that still can’t produce the qualifications for participating. And you should be well aware what the rewards are in the Continental Spirit Master Academy Elite Grand Competition, how significant to the children. The ideal you originally established Shrek Academy with, was to foster geniuses of the Spirit Master world, letting them shock the entire Spirit Master world. But I choose their path, as far as possible letting them walk it smoothly, furthermore, I still haven’t finished talking.”

Saying this, Grandmaster turned to Qin Ming,

“To let these children enter Heaven Dou Imperial Academy, I have one condition. The Academy must admit all the present Shrek Academy teachers, furthermore let us personally come to teach these children. Heaven Dou Imperial Academy cannot interfere, in other words, they can substitute for Heaven Dou Academy’s reputation, but their education is still done by us. When we want to leave, Heaven Dou Academy also doesn’t have the qualifications to stop us.”

Part 2

Flender sat back down again, lifting his cup of ale in both hands, pouring it down his throat in great gulps.

Qin Ming smiled wryly towards Grandmaster:

“Grandmaster, you’ve really given me a difficult problem. Honestly, standing at Heaven Dou Imperial Academy’s angle, able to let the juniors represent Heaven Dou Imperial Academy to fight would no doubt bring endless credit to the Academy, greatly raising the Academy’s reputation. The conditions you raised also aren’t excessive, all teachers are celebrated Spirit Masters, the Academy wouldn’t refuse, and furthermore would provide the best rewards. Only, Shrek Academy is the crystallization of dean Flender’s heart’s blood, if we truly did this, then hereafter perhaps.....”

“All right, let’s do what Xiao Gang just said.”

Flender stood up again, his expression having already recovered its calm,

“What Xiao Gang said is right, I shouldn’t only consider my pride. Everything should be for the good of the children. Heaven Dou Imperial Academy belongs to the Heaven Dou Empire imperial family, a rare pure Spirit Master land without interference from Spirit Hall, the children won’t come to grief there. The Shrek Academy teachers can also have a place to retire. Until now, I’ve only considered my own notions, but everyone still always followed me.

Right now we've become old, we should find everyone a place to return to. Heaven Dou Imperial Academy. This reputation isn't bad. Furthermore, the children can also obtain even better growth there. This matter is decided. You talk it over. Xiao Gang and Zhao Wuji will represent me, I'll return by myself to rest."

Finished speaking, Flender turned and left. Zhao Wuji gave Ma Hongjun a meaningful look, and Fatty immediately understood, he didn't even look at the plates of food being served, hastily chasing after Flender. At this time, this Fatty was even more able to console Flender than Grandmaster and Zhao Wuji.

Grandmaster sighed,

"Although Flender is a bit stubborn, he really isn't an unreasonable person. I believe he will think it through clearly."

Zhao Wuji smiled wryly:

"After all, the Academy has been backed by us for all these years. It's not that Flender doesn't understand the merits of your proposal. Even if he has decided to close the Academy after these children graduate, truly at this moment, in his heart he still can't easily accept it. To us, this really is somewhat abrupt, we've already lived here for twenty years."

Grandmaster nodded,

"He can only rely on himself for this."

Zhao Wuji said:

"Perhaps to us this is also the best place to end up at. Grandmaster, thank you, I know that your proposal isn't just for the children, but also for Flender and us. Heaven Dou Imperial Academy is a place that receives little influence from Spirit Hall. It also has sufficient fame. You're doing your best to care for Flender's face. Retiring there seems pretty good."

Showing a smile, Zhao Wuji's expression was uncomplicated. He wasn't Flender, and didn't have Flender's face and stubborn heart. Admittedly being at Shrek Academy for twenty years made him

reluctant to leave, but equally, he was tiring somewhat. Changing environment might not be a bad thing.

For these matters the Shrek Seven Devils didn't interject anything, besides Ma Hongjun who had chased after Flender, the other six looked at each other. This abrupt change diluted their joy after the victory, even so much that their hearts weren't in eating.

Flender stood in the doorway, looking up at the full moon and starlight decorating the night sky, calmly saying:

"What are you doing following me, go eat."

Ma Hongjun at present didn't have his normal somewhat lascivious smiling expression, deferentially standing next to Flender,

"Teacher, don't feel sad."

Flender shook his head,

"I'm not sad, only more or less frustrated, that's all. This all came somewhat quickly for me. Hongjun, I find that your Evil Fire problem seems to have fallen off a lot in this time following Grandmaster's training. What's the matter?"

Hearing his teacher mention his Evil Fire, Fatty's smile reappeared, scratching his head, saying:

"I also don't know how it came about. Only in this time I've really been too tired, apparently all my energy has already been spent. I basically haven't even thought about that."

Flender's face revealed a faint smile,

"This is a good phenomenon. Your spirit is in the process of imperceptible influence from variation, perhaps, not long from now you might not suffer the problems it causes. Good, you go back. No need to console me, I'll just think things over a while."

Ma Hongjun blinked, rubbing his plump face,

"Teacher, this is actually just borrowing a chicken to lay an egg. Honestly, I'm not too clear on why you're depressed."

“Borrowing a chicken to lay an egg?”

Flender turned to look at his direct disciple, somewhat astounded repeating his words.

Ma Hongjun hastily nodded,

“Yes, isn’t that borrowing a chicken to lay an egg? Borrowing that imperial family academy’s facilities to train us, and us helping them fight is also equivalent to paying a fee. I don’t know about other people, but I wouldn’t think of us as belonging to that imperial family academy. I’ll always be your disciple, Shrek’s Evil Fire Phoenix.”

Flender stupidly stared at ma Hongjun, although Fatty comparatively wasn’t up to much, but he made Flender’s mind seem to slam open a door,

“Borrowing a chicken to lay an egg? Borrowing a chicken to lay an egg, excellently borrowing a chicken to lay an egg. It seems, I really am too stubborn. A bit early, a bit late, what’s the difference? Shrek will after all end, but once left behind everything will forever be unable to change, Xiao Gang, thank you, thank you for helping me draw this end to Shrek.”

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Early the next day, everyone from the Shrek Academy settled their accounts and left the hotel, concluding this one month of second stage training.

Perhaps, to their bodies, this second stage training wasn’t as extreme as the first stage, but the psychological stress made the Shrek Seven Devils even more exhausted.

Each day confronting different opponents, each day going all out to obtain victory, facing powerful enemies, not only confronting the opponents, but also coordinating with their comrades, the spirit fights were completely different from exchanging pointers between each other, that was true battle, at the same time as it gave abundant combat experience, it also let the Shrek Seven Devils clearly understand the effects of the first stage demonic training.

Combat endurance, toughness as well as recovery strength, all had improved amply. Otherwise, how could they have endured participating in high intensity battles every day, especially those participating in three spirit fights each day, even more completely displayed the effects of the first stage demonic training in their spirit fights.

Besides basic training and real combat experience, what Grandmaster gave them also had a second hidden meaning. That was preserving fighting strength.

Returning to that familiar little village, although it wasn't as bustling as Suotuo City, it also had less noise than the markets, homes feeling so familiar, to the Shrek Seven Devils, Shrek Academy, had long since become an existence like home.

Flender's mood had already recovered to normal. Even Zhao Wuji who had followed him for twenty years hadn't expected him to come around this quickly. Flender was already striking the auctioneer's hammer. Everything moved according to Grandmaster's plan. As for everything after they entered the Imperial Academy, that was Qin Ming's problem.

"You children go rest. This has been exhausting for you. Wuji, you call over everyone."

As soon as Flender returned to the Academy he started issuing orders, this Shrek Academy didn't consist of him alone, there were still three additional teachers, he also equally had to solicit their opinions.

Oscar returned to the dormitory. He was unable to deal with the dust that had gathered on his bed over one month, directly falling onto the bed,

"Still is comfortable coming home. Little San, don't wake me. I want to sleep a lot, sleep until I wake on my own."

Tang San looked at Oscar spread eagled on the bed and shook his head, this fellow, if someone didn't force him to cultivate, his lazy character might have already wasted his outstanding spirit.

According to Grandmaster's negotiations with Qin Ming, everyone from Shrek Academy would travel to Heaven Dou Imperial Academy in two months to study as exchange students. Until then, Qin Ming would handle matters over at Heaven Dou Imperial Academy's end.

The Shrek Academy's side still had to deal with some preparations.

Grandmaster wasn't at all anxious to start the third stage training. Before leaving Suotuo City today, he gave the Shrek Seven Devils a very simple task. Within these two months, first, dealing with their own problems, second, assimilating the combat experience obtained from the past month of spirit fighting.

At the same time these two months were also a time for spirit power training, Grandmaster requested that, besides necessary matters, each person would focus their energy on cultivating spirit power.

Oscar very quickly entered dreamland, but Tang San thought over his affairs.

There were still two months, he had to handle some necessary matters well, especially his promise to Ning Rongrong, what is called accepting a commitment, working honestly, promises to others naturally must be satisfied.

Thinking of this, Tang San got up and left the dorm, walking over toward Ning Rongrong and Xiao Wu's dorm.

"So tired!"

Ning Rongrong and Xiao Wu were right now both taking off their outer clothing, each lying down on their beds. They naturally wouldn't be as slovenly as Oscar, the bed covers and sheets and other bedding had been changed for new ones.

Xiao Wu said:

"Yeah, when fighting in Suotuo day after day I wouldn't have thought that when coming back I would feel so tired. This must be what Grandmaster called the fatigue period. Rongrong, your skin really is nice. Even I can't help but drool."

Ning Rongrong and Xiao Wu right now only wore half length chest cloths and small hot pants, sprawling on the bed with bare arms and legs.

Part 3

Ning Rongrong indeed had nice skin. Among the three girls of the Shrek Seven Devils, Xiao Wu and Zhu Zhuqing envied her tender lychee-like skin, her fair skin was basically without blemishes, and especially that kind of gem like sleek feeling. It truly was a feeling like sheep fat white jade^[1].

Although they both weren't completely developed, girls always developed earlier than boys, and the small figures already had come far.

Of course, in terms of development, Zhu Zhuqing clearly was ahead among the three girls.

Ning Rongrong giggled, opening her eyes wide and looking suddenly at Xiao Wu,

"You're also very pretty. I'm pure white, and you're pink white, I don't have your healthy appearance.

Xiao Wu's proportions were slightly off from an ordinary person, her legs were especially long.

Generally speaking, a human body to leg proportion of sixty two percent or so was the perfect golden ratio, but Xiao Wu already surpassed sixty five. She still didn't give people a feeling of being lanky, instead rather harmonious.

Those somewhat overly long legs stretched out, skin equally delicate, although not as white as Ning Rongrong, rather somewhat flushed. Especially below her slender waist, since her waist was truly thin, it drew a perfect arc down to her pert buttocks. The long legs revealed below the hotpants made even Ning Rongrong drool.

Adding her perfect figure to the scorpion braid long enough to reach the ground, she gave people a kind of lovely next door neighbour

little sister feeling.

Of course, of someone truly took her for an impressionable neighbourly little sister, perhaps that scene with the vulgar uncle Bu Le would be staged again.

Ning Rongrong lowered her voice, saying:

“Xiao Wu, tell me, why don’t we have Zhuqing’s size here! I really envy her.”

While speaking, Ning Rongrong lightly rubbed her chest.

Xiao Wu blushed, lightly spitting out:

“You should ask her, how would I know. Is it really better to be big there?”

The subjects in the girl dorms were frequently more heated than in the boys’ dorms. Ning Rongrong cackled:

“How could it be bad, back when I was at the school, the men liked women who were big there, might be we’re still too young. You see boss Dai chase after Zhuqing every day, perhaps it’s because she’s big there.”

Xiao Wu giggled, saying:

“What do you know, isn’t Oscar also chasing after you every day.”

Ning Rongrong stuck out her tongue, saying:

“Actually little Ao is a good person, only.....”

Saying this, she couldn’t help sighing. Her expression appeared somewhat strange.

“What is it?”

Xiao Wu puzzled asked.

Ning Rongrong softly shook her head,

“School regulations. Me and little Ao is impossible. Furthermore, we’re both still this young, it’s still too early to talk about this.”

Xiao Wu puzzled said:

“What rules? Don’t tell me it’s because Oscar isn’t from a noble family?”

Ning Rongrong shook her head:

“That’s not it. Our Seven Treasures Glazed Tile School never discriminates against Spirit Masters with common backgrounds. Otherwise, how would we have so many Spirit Masters willing to be affiliated to the clan. Only, by clan regulations, members directly related to the clan mustn’t join with auxiliary system Spirit Masters, this is also for security considerations for direct clan members. Generally speaking, our clansmen are united with battle Spirit Masters, after all, protection from a spouse will always be more reliable than other people. But little Ao is also an auxiliary system Spirit Master, that’s why I say it’s impossible between us.”

Xiao Wu suddenly understood:

“So it’s like this. Your Seven Treasures Glazed Tile School have such rules. However, you should tell little Ao this earlier, let him have some other considerations.”

Ning Rongrong’s beautiful eyes were despondent for a moment, then she forcefully roused herself and said:

“Don’t talk about me, let’s move over to you, I really envy you and Tang San.”

Saying this, her face suddenly took on a mysterious expression,

“I heard, if you want to grow a bit bigger here, letting a man massage you has results. Why don’t you let Tang San massage you.”

“Pah, Rongrong, why are you like this.”

Xiao Wu’s charming face blushed furiously,

“Who told you all of this!”

Ning Rongrong grinned:

“Clan big sisters, I heard them talking about it. Should be true.”

Xiao Wu snapped:

“Don’t talk nonsense, me and little San are siblings, how could……, aiya, you’d embarrass the dead.”

Ning Rongrong turned over and sat up on her bed,

“The way I see it, it’s big brother and little sister, but you also aren’t blood related. If you ask other people, nobody would regard you as siblings. You simply belong to little San. You haven’t seen little San’s appearance when his eyes turn red for you. He’d scare the dead, last time in Star Dou Great Forest when you were snatched by the Titan Giant Ape, it was like he went completely insane. If it weren’t for you coming back later, I really don’t know what he would have done. Last time when me and Zhuqing gossiped, even Zhuqing envied you. She told me then that if Dai Mubai was like little San she’d be satisfied.

Xiao Wu said:

“Rongrong, did she say what her relationship with Dai Mubai actually is? Why would boss Dai treat her so specially? Like when we just entered the Academy, you’re also very beautiful, but we didn’t see any reaction from boss Dai.”

Ning Rongrong stuck out her tongue, saying:

“I also don’t know. I asked, but Zhuqing didn’t want to say, just telling me a line about them being acquainted from before, perhaps it’s childhood sweethearts, but I can’t say for sure.”

Xiao Wu shook her head, she still clearly remembered the first time Dai Mubai saw Zhu Zhuqing when she and Tang San had just come to the Academy. He seemingly didn’t know her and only said the two might be able to use the spirit fusion ability.

At this moment, there was a sudden knock on the door.

Ning Rongrong asked:

“Who is it?”

“It’s me, Tang San.”

“Ah, your little San’s here.”

Ning Rongrong hurriedly pulled on her clothes. Xiao Wu also jumped with fright, and she didn’t move as fast as Ning Rongrong. Once Ning Rongrong stepped forward to open the door, she’d barely managed to get her clothes on.

Stepping into the two girls’ dorm, Tang San was also somewhat embarrassed. Making him even more baffled was that Ning Rongrong and Xiao Wu both looked at him with somewhat strange expressions.

“What? Why are you both looking at me like that?”

Tang San distrustfully asked.

“This, ah, it’s because.....”

Ning Rongrong giggling just started to speak, but a furiously blushing Xiao Wu hastily covered her mouth, Xiao Wu glared at her brimming with menace while her heart thumped like a little deer, thinking of what Ning Rongrong said before, her chest couldn’t help but feel a burst of numbness.

Tang San naturally couldn’t understand the minds of these girls, he could even less know of the little secrets they talked about in their chambers. Momentarily feeling somewhat at a loss what to do, were it not for truly having some business, perhaps he would’ve first left the room.

Ning Rongrong repeatedly nodded to Xiao Wu, indicating she wouldn’t make any irresponsible remarks, Xiao Wu then removed her hand from her mouth, stepping forward to obstruct Ning Rongrong and asked Tang San:

“Little San, why did you come?”

Tang San smiling said:

“I came for Rongrong, we still have two months before going to the Heaven Dou Imperial Academy. I previously promised Rongrong to

help her family by providing mechanical hidden weapons. After we go to Heaven Dou Academy, perhaps I might not have the time, therefore I wanted to confirm this matter with Rongrong.”

Ning Rongrong then knew Tang San had come to find her,

“Little San, you gave me the Zhuge Godly Crossbow just a few days ago. This matter is something only my dad can decide, for the moment it’s still enough. It would be better like this, I’ll ask dean Flender for a leave of absence for a trip home. I think dad should agree.”

In this month participating in spirit fights, the components for altogether ten Godly Zhuge Crossbows had already been manufactured, Tang San would smoothly reassemble them and give one each, by now, Tang San’s mechanical hidden weapon had already been successfully reproduced for everyone.

Tang San nodded, saying:

“That’s also fine, only, will you be safe returning alone?”

Ning Rongrong giggled, saying:

“I couldn’t not be safe. Actually I know that around our Academy there have always been bodyguards from our family. It would be impossible for dad not to know I’m here. He’s never had people bring me back, so clearly he approves of me studying at the Academy, when I return there I will naturally have protection.”

Tang San suddenly understood:

“Then like this would be best. Rongrong, don’t forget how to use those hidden weapons, when using them you have to take all possible care, don’t get injured accidentally. Especially the Godly Zhuge Crossbow, it’s too powerful, furthermore it also requires time to arm, so don’t use it rashly.”

Ning Rongrong smiled:

“I know. Well, then I’ll go look for the dean right now. Actually, my family’s Seven Treasure City isn’t far from Heaven Dou Imperial City,

later I'll go directly from home to Heaven Dou Imperial Academy to find you."

Tang San said:

"If it's like this, then you going back right now doesn't matter, wait until after we're at Heaven Dou Imperial Academy. Only that side is comparatively far from Suotuo City, I don't know whether it will be easy to again find as good a smithy as here."

Ning Rongrong smiled:

"So you were worried about this, that's no problem, my home has smithies. If you're not worried about leaking your hidden weapon secrets, letting the smithies at my home make the components is fine, the craftsmanship absolutely won't be an issue."

Notes

1. A classifier for extremely glossy and smooth white jade.

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Part 1

Tang San considered it, then nodded:

“That’s fine. It’s actually not something that has to be kept secret, some things can’t be mastered by being learned.”

With how famous Tang Sect hidden weapons were, how could there not be counterfeits, but in Tang San’s world the Tang Sect stood tall for centuries, yet there were never any hidden weapons that could surpass Tang Sect’s. A common Tang Sect hidden weapon technician required ten years of training. Tang San was extremely gifted in this respect, but he also underwent twenty years of continuous research and manufacturing to reach the grandmaster level of creating mechanical hidden weapons, wanting to create counterfeits was practically impossible.

Ning Rongrong said:

“Then even better. No need to return first. To tell the truth, I’m still really afraid to return after dad wouldn’t let me leave. There’s no need for training in this time, so we can properly play around. Xiao Wu, where do you think we should go play? Tang San, will you go with us?”

Tang San frowned:

“Teacher said to have everyone cultivate spirit power. Rongrong, did you forget?”

Ning Rongrong stuck out her tongue, smiling:

“Doesn’t matter. I won’t go far. Right now among us Shrek Seven Devils my spirit power is the weakest, I know I have to work hard. But we also have to relax sometime, balancing work and play.”

Xiao Wu nodded, saying:

“Rongrong makes sense. Little San, you have to come with us for a stroll.”

Tang San shook his head:

“Let it be. I still have a lot of things to do. You go. Pay attention to your safety.”

After speaking, he hastily took his leave, always feeling somewhat uncomfortable in the girls’ dorm.

Tang San had long ago properly thought out what to do in these two months before returning to the road.

Through the danger last time in Star Dou Great Forest, Tang San more and more felt his own strength was insufficient. Although after getting Eight Spider Lances he had an even greater advantage against equal level Spirit Masters, once the level gap increased somewhat, this advantage would disappear completely.

Against less than fortieth rank Spirit Masters, Tang San basically had confidence in his victory. Beyond fortieth rank it would depend on the opposing Spirit Masters’ category and attributes.

If the opponent’s attributes were something that he could restrain, he believed he wasn’t powerless if he relied on hidden weapons, but if the opponent could restrain him, it was practically impossible to come out on top.

The furnace Tang San bought from the smithy last time had already been delivered long ago, before returning today he passed by the smithy and specially ordered a batch of metal. Spirit fighting had netted him more than five thousand gold coins, so buying some first rate metal was no problem.

Adding to the metals he purchased last time, he was prepared to in these two months increase his armament strength somewhat, at the same time increasing hidden weapon technique drills.

With insufficient inner strength, the more powerful Tang Sect exquisite inner sect hidden weapons would be unable to display their strength, therefore Tang San still had to rely on his most expert

mechanical type hidden weapons techniques.

Although Shrek Academy was crude, the size still wasn't small. Adding that teachers and students were few, when the furnace and tools had arrived, he had asked Flender for an empty house to use. Of course, it wasn't for free.

Leaving Xiao Wu and Ning Rongrong's dorm, Tang San directly arrived at this house. It was built very simply from stone bricks. Although it wasn't very standardized, it was stable and durable, this was the most common way of building among commoners.

The room wasn't large, with close to thirty square meters. Forging furnace, calciner, over to pounding anvil, forging hammer. Everything was included, only since he hadn't had time to use them, everything was somewhat corroded.

In a corner there was also a large pile of charcoal and chunks of every kind of metal, the majority of which hadn't undergone any processing.

Tang San simply put the room in order, as he grasped the casting hammer, a familiar feeling arose involuntarily. In his mind, he couldn't help recalling when his father taught him forging.

Despite Tang Hao not instructing Tang San for very long, that time was nevertheless when he'd been closest to his father since being born. Tang San recalled every sentence Tang Hao had said to him in that time.

"A godly craftsman isn't at all a smith that uses godly materials to make godly tools, rather one that uses ordinary materials to make godly tools."

Tang San muttering repeated his father's words. The forging hammer in his hand whirled along with his lower legs generating force.

Without any target, creating a whistling sound, the forging hammer danced in the room as Tang San's hands moved, each swing filled with inner strength. Half turning his body, swing after swing joined together, flawless without exception.

The change of inner strength in his body allowed Tang San to use this Disorder Splitting Wind Hammer Method with another level of skill, despite not having a target for the hammer, that feeling of joyfully unrestrained venting brought him a feeling entirely free from worry.

Tang San stopped after nine thousand nine hundred eighty one continuous swings. His clothes were already drenched with sweat. Overjoyed, truly overjoyed, Tang San raised the forging hammer before him, in his mind constantly replaying the scenes of studying forging at Tang Sect and under Tang Hao, for a moment all sorts of feelings welled up in his heart.

Thirteen years old, meaning he had already been in this world for thirteen years. In this all new world he had obtained many things he never had before, family, friends, spirit, spirit ability, these had all already completely blended with his soul.

Tang San's figure flickered, already reaching the area piled with metal, forging hammer striking a half meter diameter chunk of refined iron. The struck iron tilted somewhat, stretching out his toes, lightly raising them, lifting that close to hundred jin^[4] chunk of iron.

He stretched out his left hand and grabbed the chunk of iron. 'Tang Sect, a mark that can never be forgotten, I will definitely let you blossom brilliantly in this new world.'

Dropping the iron in the casting furnace, Tang San piled charcoal with practiced motions, igniting it, working the bellows.

Rhythmically, a strong sound of bellows began to reverberate within the stone house. In just a moment's work, deep red flames burst out, the forging furnace starting to recover its use.

Tang San had never forgotten his father's words. He also understood understood why his father would say that using common iron to forge godly tools was the meaning of a godly craftsman, that wasn't only a matter of skill, even more important was staunch perseverance.

Even average iron, if struck more than ten thousand times, would

become the strongest kind of iron.

Tang Sect's requirements of their own hidden weapons were extremely strict, and as a once well known figure among mechanical type hidden weapon makers, Tang San was even more rigorous about his own work. He absolutely wouldn't let his hidden weapons show issues with quality that could put him in a dangerous situation.

The iron burned deep red, like an incomparably immense chunk of ruby. It was also only once it was completely red that he could see the impurities within.

The forging hammer leapt into Tang San's hand, and its dance began.

Dang. Dang. Dang. Dang..... Pounding full of rhythm and tempo reverberated from within the stone house. Tang San had started his forging.

From this day on, besides eating, Tang San didn't even return to his dorm to sleep. Every day constantly forging. When tired, he would sit down on the ground and cultivate spirit power. Once his energy had recovered, he immediately started working again.

Nobody knew what Tang San was making, even Grandmaster didn't understand, but Grandmaster never went to find him at his forge. With complete confidence, Grandmaster believed that Tang San absolutely wouldn't abandon his cultivation for forging.

Only one person entered the forging room: Xiao Wu. Xiao Wu would go to the forge every day, she didn't disturb Tang San, only quietly left clean clothes to the side, poured some water and peeled and cored some fruit, arranging it there before quietly leaving.

It wasn't that she didn't want to speak with Tang San, it was only that since she came to know Tang San, she had never before seen him so completely wrapped up in his work over anything.

Tang San's body, brimming with the smell of metal, was all over colored with iron dust and coke.

Xiao Wu was somewhat concerned over Tang San's present

condition. Only as she once again entered the forge and saw Tang San had changed into the clean clothes, drunk the water she'd poured and emptied the plate of fruit, she would feel somewhat gratified.

Day after day passed, the pounding sound from within the forge only became even more intense. Every day before there was even any light, the sounds began, only when the gathering darkness completely replaced the daylight would it stop.

Meanwhile, even if it was when eating at the dining hall, Tang San would appear uncommunicative. Constantly in a kind of reflective mood.

In this kind of situation, even Dai Mubai looked for Grandmaster and Flender, but Grandmaster only said to not to disturb him.

Deep blue gradually replaced pure black, in the distant horizon, a golden thread gradually appeared in its misty splendor, dawn was coming once again.

The forging room's door opened, one person walking out from inside, with disheveled hair, a face covered in iron dust, furthermore with a bare torso smeared with iron dust and coke and brimming with sturdy muscle.

He appeared even stronger than before, and his height seemed to have increased a fraction. Faint purple glinted in his piercing eyes, with a feeling of absorbing peoples' hearts and souls.

Looking far into the distance, looking at that golden ray gradually expanding in the east, his eyes filled with purple.

Part 2

Quietly lifting his two hands, he clenched them tightly. His whole body braced was as if it were steel, like a cheetah waiting to pounce. Filled with the beauty of wild power.

"Forty nine days. It took me a total of forty nine days, but I've finally completed it."

He slowly opened his palms. A pair of perfectly round iron balls appeared in his hands.

The iron balls were black. Despite being under the sun, there wasn't any reflection from it. However, a layer of cold air quietly escaped from within the balls.

There were sixteen identical balls behind him in the room. If the shrek's seven monsters found out that he had spent most of his energy during these two months working on developing these eighteen iron balls, what would be their reaction?

Tang San started kneading the two metal balls in his hands and murmured, "The only thing missing now is poison. I really want to make another Buddha Fury Tang Lotus, and that unfinished Torrential Rain Pear Blossom Needle. It's a pity the materials in this world are too restricted."

His hand slightly shook and the two metal balls flew out. One left and one right, both noiselessly. They bizarrely made two arcs in the air and flew back into his hands. In his palms they never stopped spinning, but the entire time they didn't touch at all.

After habitually training his Purple Demon Eyes, Tang San walked into the forging room. The metal in the room had already all vanished, including those Tang San bought from the smithy later.

His right hand wiped the table, and including the two in his hand, the eighteen metal balls all vanished into his Twenty Four Moonlit Bridges.

His gaze fell onto the corner of the room. On the only clean chair was a set of clean clothes laid there. That was what Xiao Wu sent in yesterday. Looking at them, Tang San's eyes couldn't help but let out a trace of gentleness.

What Tang San admired most in Xiao Wu was that she knew what to do at any time. Usually, she was always cheerful and exuberant. But when he needed quiet, she never disturbed him even slightly. All she did was silently doing her seemingly insignificant things, yet these things were what people never forgot.

Right now the day was still early. According to usual, no one would wake up in Shrek Academy at this time.

Tang San got some cold water and bathed, cleaning himself from head to toes and then finally putting on the clean clothes Xiao Wu delivered, making him feel fresh and cool.

Putting everything in order, a sense of relaxation went through his body. Tang San raised his right hand in front of him and a faint blue light came out of his palm. Blue Silver Grass quietly sprouted out, swaying in his palm.

“Looks like I improved again.” Tang San smiled happily.

To Tang San, the forty-nine days of forging tested his physical strength and mental power just as much as the devilish training Grandmaster forced them through.

Everyday he was continuously forging and thinking. The stress on his body was just as much as the weighted runs. If not for his endurable and tough body and the help of inner power, he might have already stopped.

But it was also because of this everyday exercise that all his muscles were now more taut. The most obvious change was on his arms. They were thicker by one size and didn't have a single bit of excess fat. Every ridge of his muscles was well defined. His shoulders were wider and in every single movement, his muscles would noticeably contract and retract.

However, Tang San's hands were still as slim and flawless as before, with no callouses at all. Not only his endurance and spirit power improved, his Mysterious Jade Hand also improved.

According to Tang San's own estimates, these forty nine days of almost insane forging let his spirit power improve once again, rising to thirty third rank. Of course, this wasn't only the result of the two months. The previous months also played a key role in this improvement.

In almost four months time, his spirit power ranked up again. This speed could only be described as terrifying. Though he broke

through rank thirty, every rank needs accumulating. For normal people, it would take at least more than half a year. Those with less talent might even need a year to rank up.

When Tang San walked into the cafeteria, what surprised him was that everyone were there and had started eating already. It turned out that that day wasn't the first day they woke up this early, but Tang San was too busy thinking about forging to notice this.

"Here comes our Iron man. Yo, why is Iron Man so clean today?" Dai Mubai spoke with a smiling face.

Dai Mubai was always very arrogant, and he also had the skills to support it. But in front of Tang San, he couldn't act arrogant no matter what.

Though Tang San's spirit power was lower than his, Dai Mubai knew that if they were really fighting for their lives, he couldn't beat Tang San. In the entire Shrek's Seven Monsters, Tang San undoubtedly had become the most important one. But Dai Mubai also knew Tang San's achievement wasn't simply from innate talent. During these forty nine days, though no one knows what Tang San was doing, everyone could hear the almost never halting pounding of his hammer. What kind of willpower was needed to complete this?

Under Tang San's stimulation, not only Dai Mubai, including the laziest Oscar, everyone were also working hard to cultivate their spirit power.

Grandmaster put forward a way of cultivating without sleep to them so that everyone could replace sleep with spirit power cultivation. Other than the necessary spirit ability training and physical exercise, the rest of the time was all put into cultivation. Though the process was dull, it proved beneficial for their strength.

In the time, Xiao Wu's spirit power raised to rank thirty two, and the others' spirit power also had a not insignificant increase.

Now, Shrek's Seven Devils spirit power ranks were:

Evil Eye White Tiger Dai Mubai, thirty eighth rank Battle Spirit Elder.

Sausage Monopoly Oscar, thirty first rank Tool Spirit Elder.

Thousand Hand Asura Tang San, thirty third rank Battle Spirit Elder.

Evil Fire Phoenix Ma Hongjun, twenty eighth rank Battle Spirit Grandmaster.

Soft Bones Demon Rabbit Xiao Wu, thirty second rank Battle Spirit Elder.

Seven Treasures Glazed Ning Rongrong, twenty seventh rank Tool Spirit Grandmaster.

Hell Civet Zhu Zhuqing, twenty eighth rank Battle Spirit Grandmaster.

Tang San smiled slightly. "I'm all done forging, so of course I came out. Checking the time, it isn't long until we have to go to Heaven Dou Imperial Academy."

Ning Rongrong said curiously, "Third Brother, what good thing did you make this time, let everyone see."

Tang San said, "Really, I didn't make that many things this time because the construction of it is very troublesome. Other than a few hidden weapons, I also made everyone something practical."

"We also get some?" Ning Rongrong was instantly exulted. The Shrek's Seven Devils all let out a smile. Tang San's standard for hidden weapons was very strict. They already got an entire set of high quality hidden weapons. If Tang San used that many days to make it, it couldn't be bad.

Ma Hongjun chuckled, "Third Brother is the best, sharing even dew equally^[2], quickly let everyone see."

Xiao Wu glared at Ma Hongjun. "What do you mean sharing dew, that's so coarse. Little San hasn't even eaten yet, let him eat first."

Ning Rongrong smiled, "Xiao Wu is indeed still the most thoughtful for Tang San!"

Xiao Wu stuck out her tongue and gave Tang San the food specially left for him.

Ever since Grandmaster came, Shrek Academy's food changed majorly. Of course, the breakfast wasn't paid by the Academy anymore, but the Shrek Seven Devils paid themselves. The things were the same, and Grandmaster didn't hide the economic situation of the Academy. After one month of Spirit Battles, everyone had full wallets, so none of them cared about the small food expenses.

"Ok, I'll eat first. Let's go out later so I can demonstrate as well, the cafeteria is too small." Tang San smiled at Xiao Wu and took his breakfast and started gorging himself. The recent workload was way too much, so Tang San's appetite also rocketed upwards. In Shrek's Seven Devils, he ate the most.

Part 3

The others had more or less eaten, while looking at Tang San gorging himself, inwardly they couldn't help but itch while thinking about Tang San's gift.

Being under everyone's scrutiny couldn't feel particularly nice, especially when eating. Tang San quickly finished his breakfast, immediately standing up,

"Having you watching me like that, I'll get indigestion. Let's go, I'll give you something good outside."

Xiao Wu very naturally collected the bowl and chopsticks Tang San had used to clear them away, but Tang San caught her hand, saying:

"There's time to clean up later. We'll go outside first."

The group of seven reached the Academy grounds. The grounds were completely empty, sunshine sprinkling across the field. Right now was already early summer, Shrek Academy was at the center of the continent, so even if it was early morning, it was still extremely warm.

"Little San, quickly take it out. What kind of thing is it?"

Ning Rongrong said somewhat impatiently.

Tang San smiled faintly, his right hand wiping across Twenty Four moonlit Bridges, taking out an unusual looking thing.

That was a cylindrical thing made entirely out of metal, its surface appearing silvery. It seemed to somewhat resemble the sleeve dart, but compared to the sleeve dart it was even bigger and thicker.

Tang San in order for everyone to see and understand clearly, pulled up the sleeve over his left arm, giving a pull with both hands, half opening the cylindrical object on one side, giving it the appearance of two half cylinders. Everyone saw that the inside of the thing was lined with soft cloth.

Tang San fastened it around his left lower arm, the cylindrical thing's length just enough to completely cover his lower arm. He first adjusted it a moment, then afterwards swung out his arm. The cylinder adhered to his arm, without the slightest amount of swaying, appearing tightly fitted.

At this, even Xiao Wu couldn't help her curiosity,

"Little San, what is this thing? Is it more powerful than the sleeve dart?"

Tang San smiling shook his head, saying:

"To be precise, it could be considered a kind of useful tool. I call it a Flying God Claw^[3]. Watch closely when I operate it."

He pulled at the front of the top of the Flying God Claw, pulling out five rings and fastening them to the five fingers of his left hand, immediately following, he tightened his fist. With a sharp and clear sonorous sound, a metal cone suddenly shot out, just far enough to move farther than his palm. Immediately afterward, the metal cone's front end suddenly burst open, changing into a metal claw. The claw had five fingers, glinting with cold light in the sunshine, especially the tips of the claws gave a feeling like they were five cold stars.

Tang San picked up a rock from the ground to the side,

"I used several an alloy of several metals for the Flying God Claw, creating it after hard work and numerous revisions. It's extremely

hard in itself, sufficient to pierce metal and pass through stone. This metal claw is its key feature, after the claw has opened, as long as it's touched just a little, the springs and gears I placed inside will move, causing the metal claw to immediately tighten."

While speaking, he placed the rock in the metal claw. With just a whoosh sound, under everyone's dumbstruck gazes, the metal claw easily pierced into the rock like piercing tofu. The whole claw entered almost halfway.

Tang San explained in detail:

"After the metal claw has been fastened, there are five different operations it can use. First, holding the fist closed but extending the forefinger, then, the metal claw will once again spring open, recovering to its previous appearance. Second, if the middle finger is extended, then the metal claw will cut down with all its power, its strength is enormous, approximately able to pierce a thick steel plate. As for the other three kinds of functions, there are other corresponding effects."

While speaking he extended his middle finger, with a cracking sound a cloud of dust rose, that ordinary piece of rock had unexpectedly been directly crushed.

Seeing this scene, the other six Shrek Seven Devils couldn't help but swallow. They really couldn't imagine how such a strong steel claw had been made. In fact, what Tang San called 'hard work and numerous revisions' wasn't a bit exaggerated. After the metal had been successfully formed, even the forging hammer wasn't able to alter its form. Tang San had wasted vast amounts of spirit power, relying on his other spirit, the little hammer, to succeed.

In the forging process, Tang San also discovered some special subtleties of that little hammer. As the metal and that seemingly not very large little hammer touched, unexpectedly it would cause a kind of unusual effect: regardless of which metal, on contact with the little hammer it would soften. Using it to create hidden weapons was practically like a tiger growing wings^[4]. Unfortunately, it really consumed too much spirit power and physical strength, under the consumption Tang San constantly had to meditate to recover, this

was also a major reason why he was able to advance his spirit power to the thirty third rank in this time.

Dai Mubai's heart twitched, saying:

"What's really the use of this metal claw? If it's only like this, it seems I'd be better off with my tiger claws."

Let alone piercing rock, with his current strength, even piercing gold and snapping jade was no problem for his tiger claws.

Tang San calmly smiled, saying:

"Of course it's not limited to this, otherwise it wouldn't be called Flying God Claw. Its principal use is to help us 'fly'. Even though it's not true flight, as a tool it's still very useful, watch, this is its third function."

While speaking, Tang San first once again sprang open the metal claw, and afterwards raised his left arm facing a large tree approximately twenty meters away. His thumb sharply extended, and with a whoosh sound, the steel claw attached on top of the arm guard shot out like a bolt of lightning, bringing a long brilliant light under the sunshine, in an eyeblink it had already flown over, with a cracking sound, it directly grabbed into the tree trunk.

Everyone clearly saw that attached to the back of the steel claw was a fine like linen metal rope.

Immediately afterward, Tang San's ring finger stretched out, lightly pushing off the ground with his toes, his body followed the line like an arrow, under the pull of that steel rope in an eyeblink he had leapt over onto that large tree. Toes lightly touching the tree, relying on the pull of the Flying God Claw, he moved horizontally around the tree trunk.

Forefinger shooting out, releasing the steel claw, Tang San rose and landed back before everyone.

"In certain terrains, the Flying God Claw is able to display very good effects. At the same time, it can also be used to grab people. The length of the steel wire is thirty meters, its pulling force is

approximately three hundred jin^[5]. As long as our body weight doesn't surpass three hundred jin, we can rely on it to climb up high."

The internal composition of each Flying God Claw was extraordinarily complex, as it was formed from a large amount of gears and springs. Of course, to Tang San, this wasn't any meticulous work. The true meticulousness was still those eighteen iron balls resting in Twenty Four Moonlit Bridges.

Little finger extending, the iron claw withdrew into the arm guard, Tang San flicked his wrist, the five fingers separating from the iron rings, the iron rings automatically returning to the cover of the arm guard. It now appeared like a very ordinary steel arm guard.

Ma Hongjun muttered:

"This is simply an essential tool for leaping onto roofs and vaulting walls, slipping through doors and levering locks!"

Tang San snapped:

"What are you calling 'sneaking through doors and levering locks'. Fatty, you pay attention to your weight. If some day you surpass three hundred jin, it will practically be useless for you. Also, when everyone assembles it, you must take care to remove the sleeve dart. Mubai, when you use your spirit your muscles change somewhat, therefore your Flying God Claw includes some elastic ropes. Like this it won't be damaged because of your muscles swelling."

Apart from Tang San the other Shrek Six Devils at this moment displayed their mutual rapport. Making the same motion, towards Tang San, they stretched out their right hands.

Although this Flying God Claw wouldn't appear to have much in the way of attack power, everyone were astute, anyone would be able to think a number of effects just by looking at this thing. Regarding concrete uses, that still required getting to know it.

Tang San pulled out six Flying God Claws and handed them over to everyone. Each one was custom made. Because everyone were still young, in order to deal with the size of the arm changing as they

grew older, the openings of the Flying God Claws were connected with elastic rope.

While fiddling with the Flying God Claw in his hand, Dai Mubai couldn't help saying:

"Little San, I really don't know how your brain is made. Unexpectedly it's even able to think up this kind of thing."

Tang San revealed a wry smile and thought to himself that how could he be able to baselessly imagine things like these, this was all the crystallisation of many years of Tang Sect's effort. He had merely grasped how to create them, that's all.

Time passed quickly, in the blink of an eye the two months of rest and preparation had already gone by. Shrek Academy's land was originally bought by Flender, it also wasn't any kind of expensive thing. The teachers didn't object to Grandmaster's proposal. In a moment the agreed upon time had arrived. At Flender's command, everyone packed up their things, preparing to set out, leaving for Heaven Dou Imperial Academy.

This day had moderate wind and beautiful sun, no clouds as far as the eye could see.

Standing at the Academy gate, Flender gazed up appearing somewhat defeated at the board engraved with Shrek Academy's sign, for a moment all sorts of feelings welled up in his heart. Twenty years. Living here for twenty years, this place had constantly bit by bit flowed into his heart. An acrid feeling appeared at his nose.

Zhao Wuji put his arms around Flender's shoulders,

"Don't look. Let's go. It's not like we won't return. If worst comes to worst, afterwards we brothers will accompany you back to retire."

Flender glared at him,

"You're saying I'm old?"

Zhao Wuji smiled wryly:

"Not old. Yes, we're both just fifty, that's all, still not regarded as too

old. However all of us are also regarded as out of the ordinary. Unexpectedly not one of us is married.”

Flender snorted,

“That’s because your requirements are too high. How are women Spirit Masters so easy to find. Don’t you know women Spirit Masters make up just one tenth of all Spirit Masters?

“You then? Aren’t your requirements high? How come you’re also unmarried?”

Zhao Wuji somewhat unreconciled said.

“Me? I.....”

Flender looked distracted a moment, somewhat speechless. As he looked up towards Grandmaster, he discovered Grandmaster was also looking at him. The two’s eyes showed something painful, practically simultaneously shaking their heads.

“Let’s go.”

Flender put his thoughts in order, passing down the order to set off. The party of ten stepped forward, departing Shrek.

Heaven Dou Empire imperial capital Heaven Dou City, at the heart of northeastern Heaven Dou Empire, it was the core of all of Tian Dou’s political power, also one of the two largest cities on the Continent. On Douluo Continent, only Star Lou Empire’s imperial capital could match it.

Although the two great Empires’ subordinate Kingdoms and Duchies weren’t too accepting of control, they were still part of the Empires. With Heaven Dou City at its heart, what Heaven Dou Empire directly controlled were the three neighboring great military districts, with a total force of more than a million, a profound strength.

In some sense, Heaven Dou Empire didn’t have to force restrictions on the subordinate Kingdoms with their own reasoning, whether it was Heaven Dou or Star Luo, the subordinate Kingdoms and Duchies of both great Empires were for the most part on the border,

if fighting broke out, it would certainly be these Kingdoms and Duchies that bore the brunt.

Of course, this was also for lack of a better option. Which monarch wouldn't wish to use imperial power to rule everything.

But right now the Continent basically didn't permit circumstances for unification to appear.

Notes

1. 100斤 = 50kg
2. 雨露均沾 - Means everyone gets some no matter who they are.
3. (飞天神爪)
4. Idiom: Something strong redoubling its power.
5. 300斤 = 150kg

056 – Rank Surpassing Challenge

Part 1

Presently in the Continent^[2], besides the internal factors of the two empires, most significant was the clandestine interference from the several Spirit Master clans and Spirit Hall. Theoretically, in a single large and unified empire, how could these be allowed to exist to influence the ruling power?

The Shrek Academy party wanted to go to Heaven Dou City, but they needed to first leave Balak Kingdom, afterwards pass through the entire Silvers Kingdom^[3] to the north of Balak Kingdom, to finally enter Heaven Dou Empire's imperial city boundaries. Further to the east, it would be entirely Heaven Dou Empire's imperial city lands. The entire journey would be very far, spanning more than two thousand kilometers^[4]. Thus can be seen, how enormous the Heaven Dou Empire's territory was.

In the Shrek Seven Devils, Dai Mubai, Tang San, Zhu Zhuqing and Ning Rongrong had their own spirit storage devices, similarly, the teachers had ones too. Thus, as they journeyed, they didn't have to experience any frustrations of baggage. Before leaving, they bought food and prepared water in their spirit tools. Even if they couldn't resupply during the journey, this food and water would last them about ten days.

"Okay, you little monsters. You have all rested for two months already, from now on it's full speed ahead. Everyone must follow my speed, if not, heh heh."

Flender seemed to have returned to what he was previously, a devious light was emitted from his eyes. With one hand grabbing Grandmaster's arm, leaving behind those words, he already shot forward.

Flender naturally didn't use his full strength to run. With Zhao Wuji in

front of the academy teachers, they spread out on both sides as they followed him.

Shrek Seven Devils looked on and unhesitantly ran. They were already undaunted by burdened running. Normal running was nothing to them. Without even needing to use spirit power to assist them, even Oscar and Ning Rongrong could keep up to Flender's current speed.

Grandmaster was being carried by Flender using spirit power, thus he did not even need to waste any energy. Grandmaster suspiciously commented,

"Flender, what is the meaning in this training? Their current body foundations are already very strong now."

Flanders grinned, saying:

"Is there really no meaning in this training? Xiao Gang, these methods are not something you can use. Furthermore, even if this training had no meaning, rushing a little bit faster, wasting less time on the road, we can cut down on meals and stay in fewer hotels. This way, we should be able to save some money. Previously we agreed to use the previously won three thousand gold coins on this third stage of training. We should save as what we can."

"You... You really are the same as always."

Grandmaster was momentarily speechless. In contrast to Flender, he never saw money as something of importance, always holding the ideal^[5] that the money he used could eventually be earned back. In any case he was always a Spirit Grandmaster, and would always have Spirit Hall's stipend.

Flender, somewhat deviously, only winked at Grandmaster, suddenly he sped up. Accelerating ahead like an arrow as it left a bow.

Zhao Wuji, undoubtedly being the most familiar with Flender, helplessly looked at the Sweet Pea Spirit Master Shao Xin beside him and grabbed his arm.

"Flender that guy. Even if you want to save money, you don't have to

torture our old bones.”

The auxiliary system Spirit Master obviously couldn't keep up with them, thus Zhao Wuji could only carry Shao Xin and increase his speed.

With Flender's increase in speed, the Shrek Seven Devils behind started to be unable to keep up. In the end, using only physical strength to run definitely couldn't match his speed when he was being assisted by spirit power. Furthermore, Flender was an agility attack system Spirit Master, and even a Spirit Emperor level agility attack system Spirit Master at that.

In a hurry to keep up, Shrek Seven Devils could only increase their speed accordingly. As a result, Ning Rongrong and Oscar could no longer continue by their own strength. Oscar was carried by Dai Mubai while Zhu Zhuqing and Xiao Wu took turns carrying Ning Rongrong. The seven of them, like always did not leaving anyone behind. They gave it their all and rushed ahead to catch up.

The Shrek Seven Devils had no qualms in using their spirit power for short periods, but how could their spirit power compete with their teachers. Flender's controlled speed was already their maximum speed. Within less than two hours, the Shrek Seven Devils' spirit power was practically consumed.

Flender saw that everyone behind him couldn't keep up and thus finally slowed down a little. Running with a normal speed, he gave the Shrek Seven Devils time to eat the large sausage and recuperate a bit. Of course, Flender himself wouldn't eat Oscar's large sausage, a few sweet peas would be a lot more effective than the sausage. After all, that Sweet Pea Spirit Master Shao Xin's level was far above what Oscar could compare to.

Using this method of running, within a day, Shrek Seven Devils were as tired as when they had experienced Grandmaster's Devil training again. Within just this day, they had already run close to four hundred kilometers, completing about a fifth of the journey.

Fortunately, Flender wasn't as stingy as he proclaimed. He didn't make everyone camp outside, but rather, settled for the night in a

small town along the way.

The so called small town, was actually just a relatively big village. The inn that the Shrek Academy party stayed in was actually the only inn in town. Even if it was a little shabby, it could still be said to be relatively clean.

Flender once again fully demonstrated his stinginess, altogether asking for only three rooms. The teachers would only use one room, the male students used one room and the female students used one room.

"I'm so worn out."

Oscar immediately lay on the bed, still gasping for breath, with a face of euphoria. Everyone had ran for a day and was finally able to rest. No one really bothered about how simple or crude the place was.

Dai Mubai snapped,

"What do you have to be tired about? You were resting most of your body weight on me, okay?!"

Oscar said.

"But i also had to make the large sausages and mushroom sausages for all of you. During that last part of the run, if not for my mushroom sausages, how would we be able to keep up. My consumption of spirit power was definitely not less than any of you. The consumption of spirit power also leads to fatigue."

Ma Hongjun commented,

"Don't complain anymore. The unluckiest would be me. I'm the heaviest, my speed also isn't very great either. I really wish that i could get a flying ability soon. Then, traveling wouldn't be a problem.

Tang San laughed.

"Don't complain anymore, hurry and sleep. Who knows what our great dean will do again tomorrow."

At this moment, there was a loud knock on the door, the room door opening a little. Xiao Wu stuck her head in from outside.

“Little San, come out for a while.”

Tang San complied and left the room.

“Xiao Wu, what is it?”

Looking at a tired Xiao Wu, Tang San’s heart couldn’t help but hurt a little.

Xiao Wu somewhat coquettishly pouting,

“After running all day, my legs are sore. Ge, massage my legs, alright?”^[6]

During their period of devilish training, every time Xiao Wu would feel tired and sore, Tang San would always help massage her legs. Ultimately, Mysterious Heavenly skill and spirit power had some differences. One of which was that spirit power was not at all useful for Daoist treatment methods. On the whole, spirit power was more overbearing, while Mysterious heavenly skill was more stable and peaceful.

“Okay, right here?”

Tang San doting rubbed Xiao Wu’s head.

“En, do it here. Rongrong and Zhuqing are already asleep.”

As she spoke, Xiao Wu raised her right leg, showing off her flexibility^[7], placing her slender calf on Tang San’s shoulder.

Tang San raised both hands, one hand kneading at her ankle and the other softly massaging the muscles of her calf. The Mysterious Heavenly Skill’s warmth directly penetrating the muscle, Xiao Wu comfortably closed her eyes, her young face blushing a little.

As Tang San helped her massage her calf, he asked her.

“If we’re rushing like today again tomorrow and you can’t take it

anymore, let me carry you. There shouldn't be a problem with speed if I used my Eight Spider Lances."

Xiao Wu giggled.

"No need, I can handle it. Actually, this kind of tiredness is also good. I would have a reason to let you massage my legs. Its really comfortable. Ge, why are your palms so warm?"

Tang San shook his head. He doted on this little sister from the core of his heart. Not caring about the mud and dirt on her shoes, he softly massaged her foot, helping her relax.

"How does this feel?"^[8]

"Very comfortable, it seems like my legs aren't as sore anymore."

Even separated by the shoe, the heat from Tang San's palms could still enter her feet. It felt just like soaking in the hot waters of a hot spring. The hot comfortable feeling made Xiao Wu feel so comfortable, her vision blurred for a while.

"Okay, change to the other leg."

Xiao Wu looked at Tang San, expression somewhat congealed,

"Ge, if we can always be this close in the future, and if you later get a wife, will you not want me?"

Tang San smiled,

"Silly girl, how can that be? At any point in time, you will always be my little sister."

Concerning boy-girl relationships, he had never experienced them in his previous life. In this life, he understood them even less. Although he grew up without his father by his side, however, ever since he came to Shrek Academy, Tang San had never felt alone or empty. In terms of friendship, he had his companions. In terms of family, he had Xiao Wu and Grandmaster. He was already very satisfied with his current life.

Xiao Wu giggled

“How about, after we grow up, I’ll marry you, okay? Then I can be your little sister for as long as we live and let you take care of me.”^[9]

Tang San laughed and said,

“Okay. Its just that you so pretty, marrying me will embarrass you.”

Xiao Wu sighed.

“I’m serious. What is there to be embarrassed about? In my heart, you are the best. Ge, did you know? Rongrong always teases me, saying that we’re just brother and sister.”

Tang San looked blank for a bit,

“But she isn’t wrong. Aren’t you my little sister?”^[10]

Xiao Wu’s charming face reddened.

“Not like that. Aiyah^[11]. I’m not going to talk about it anymore, you’re such a blockhead.”

As she spoke, she took back her long leg and walked behind Tang Sang, both hands gently squeezing on his shoulders.

Although Xiao Wu’s technique was a bit amateurish, it still allowed Tang San to feel comfortable. Especially that faint warm feeling, making Tang San’s deep in his heart be softly moved.

“Alright. You should go to sleep earlier. We still need to travel tomorrow.” Tang San somewhat reluctantly pushed away Xiao Wu’s hands.

“Okay”

Xiao Wu replied. Finally returning to her room. Her heart was beating quickly, her eyes were showing a somewhat hesitant and deep light.

Returning to his room, what made Tang San surprised was that Dai Mubai and the other two were not asleep yet. The three of them looked at Tang San as they tried to hide their smiles.

Oscar rose from the bed, facing Dai Mubai and raising a leg in his direction, with a coy voice he said “After running for an entire day,

my legs feel sore. Ge, massage my legs, alright?”

Dai Mubai laughed, imitating Tang San’s voice,

“Okay. Right here?”

Oscar immediately followed up with

“En. Right here. Rongrong and Zhuqing are already sleeping.”

Looking at their creepy play, Tang San irritably said

“Great. You guys listened in on our conversation.”

Fatty darkly laughed at one side

“It’s not that we eavesdropped. It’s just that here, the walls are really bad. Ge, help me massage my leg too.”

As he spoke, he also gestured with his fat leg.

Part 2

Tang San earnestly nodded,

“Fine, no problem. I heard, a bit of poison is actually helpful for the body, stretching muscles and improving blood circulation. I don’t know if my Eight Spider Lances will do, but I’ll use you to try it out.”

While speaking, he took off his jacket, exposing his bare torso, assuming an expression about to release Eight Spider Lances.

Fatty jumped from fright, hastily pulling his quilt over him. somewhat bitterly shouting,

“Don’t, third brother, my mistake!”

His first encounter with Eight Spider Lances’ powerful toxin left a deep impression with him.

Tang San snapped:

“Go to sleep.”

Dai Mubai chuckled, saying:

“Tang San, Xiao Wu declared her position to you, you as her older brother mustn’t be so slow witted. Xiao Wu is a rare beauty. If you act fast you will have her, if you’re slow you won’t.”

Tang San stared blankly,

“But we’re siblings. Fine, don’t say anything. We’re both still this young. It’s still too early to discuss this. Do you think I’m Fatty? I can’t have his Evil Fire.”

Ma Hongjun stretched out his head from within his quilt, defiantly saying:

“What about me? Relations between men and women are heaven’s law and earth’s principle^[12]. It’s a primal instinct.”

Tang San glared at him,

“I say you have instinct to spare.”

Dai Mubai also didn’t say anything else, smiling shaking his head, sitting down cross legged on his bed to enter a meditative state.

After an uneventful night, the second day’s morning. Everyone continued the journey. By now, they had already left Balak Kingdom, entering the borders of Silvers Kingdom.

Fortunately, today Flender didn’t speed up again, only leading the party towards the northeast at a regular pace.

The same day, they reached Silvers Kingdom’s capital on the southern border, Silvers City. Flender unprecedentedly chose this major city to lodge at, furthermore at the time they entered the city, the sky was only just starting to darken.

“Flender, are you alright?”

When Flender brought everyone to check in at an expensive hotel, even Grandmaster who could never hang on to coin couldn’t help feel strange. Furthermore, this time Flender unexpectedly rented five rooms, letting everyone live somewhat less crowded. Even dinner

was unprecedentedly lavish.

Whether it was Grandmaster or Zhao Wuji and the other teachers, everyone were baffled by Flender's actions. Always miserly, how would he suddenly become so generous?

At dinner, Flender finally showed his true colors.

Flender wore a smiling expression, raising a wine cup in front of him, saying:

"Travelling for two days, to thank you all for your hard work, please eat to your heart's content. However, the little monsters are only allowed one cup of wine."

Speaking, he led by example and poured the wine down his throat, and furthermore extremely enthusiastically received everyone's dishes.

Dai Mubai said in a low voice by Tang San's ear:

"Compared to a smile, I wish we saw the dean's solemn expression. I don't know why, but every time he smiles I feel his smile is so treacherous. You'll see, today our dean spent so much, there's definitely a catch."

Sure enough, as the wine made three rounds, after dishes of five flavours, Flender wiped his mouth, mildly saying to the Shrek Seven Devils:

"You also haven't had any real combat for two months. This Silvers City has a Great Spirit Arena. This evening you should all go exercise a bit. En. There's no need to participate in all spirit battles. In order to not influence tomorrow's travelling, just join the team spirit battle."

Dai Mubai smiling widely looked at the fox tailed^[13] Flender, saying:

"Dean, then the rewards we obtain this time, should it also be transferred to the Academy?"

Flender piously said:

“Although the Academy is already closed, as your dean, do you believe I would take possession of your rewards? You allocate your income as you see fit, unrelated to us. Mubai, don’t tell me you unexpectedly doubt my intentions?”

This time it was Dai Mubai’s turn to stare blankly. Originally he thought Flender was planning to have them participate in a team spirit fight to obtain the rewards. Like this, with their current rank, for a team spirit fight everyone could obtain at least a hundred cold spirit coins each, adding up to a considerable sum. He hadn’t expected to be criticised by Flender’s just words.

Don’t say, was this dean really alright?

It was still Ma Hongjun who understood his teacher the best, mouthing words to Dai Mubai on the other side. Dai Mubai then suddenly understood. Ma Hongjun only mouthed one word: ‘Gambling’.

Yes, under equivalent level circumstances, even Emperor Team was unable to surpass the Shrek Seven Devils, how would there be an opponent, as long as they placed some heavy bets on the team fight, then, naturally the earnings wouldn’t be small. This was Flender’s true scheme.

“Good, we’ll set off.”

Flender delightedly settled the bill, asking for directions to Silvers Great Spirit Arena, bringing everyone to leave the hotel.

Silvers Great Spirit Arena appeared even more magnificent than its Suotuo counterpart. This was after all Silvers Kingdom’s capital city, still a level above Suotuo.

Wearing those masks that had shaken Suotuo Great Spirit Arena, the Shrek Seven Devils once again set out.

However, when Flender had the Shrek Seven Devils sign up for a team spirit fight he was struck dumb.

The Silvers Great Spirit Arena staff carefully inspected the Shrek Seven Devils spirit fighting badges, and couldn’t help but

uncomprehendingly look at the seven Spirit Masters in front of him, finding it somewhat difficult to speak:

“My apologies, respected Spirit Masters, I’m afraid you can’t participate in the team spirit fight.”

The Shrek Seven Devils were indifferent, Flender was not.

One must know, since entering Silvers City he had already spent a lot of coin, hoping to be able to recoup it here.

“Why? Don’t tell me there are no people at the Great Spirit Arena?”

Flender angrily said.

Part 3

Although Flender was somewhat aggressive, the staff didn’t refute him at all. A thirtieth level gold spirit fighter team indeed had the qualifications to be aggressive. He had worked at the Great Spirit Arena for more than twenty years, but this was the first time such a monstrous spirit fighter team had appeared.

“My apologies, respected sir, but our Silvers Great Spirit Arena doesn’t have a gold spirit fighter team for a fair spirit fight.”

The staff member said embarrassedly.

Flender said:

“Then a silver spirit fighter team is fine as well. Don’t you see that among them is only one Spirit Master that just advanced to gold spirit fighter?”

The staff member shook his head:

“That certainly won’t do. First of all, we only have one silver spirit fighter thirtieth level team, but letting them fight clearly is unfair. Presumably you also know the rules of the Great Spirit Arena, a team’s level is counted according to the level of its highest member.”

To the side Zhao Wuji smiled with Schadenfreude:

“Apparently, someone’s plans fell through.”

Standing at Zhao Wuji’s side, the three senior Spirit Masters Lu Ji-Bin, Li Yu-Song and Shao Xin couldn’t help smiling. They didn’t have any subordinate relationship with Flender, before the establishment of Shrek Academy they were good friends, watching Flender’s defeat clearly was a form of entertainment to them.

Flender unresigned asked:

“Is there no other way?”

The staff member thought about it:

“It’s not that there are no ways. If everyone agrees to surpass levels to join a spirit fight, I can naturally arrange it. Surpassing levels no longer suffers the level restrictions of spirit fights. In other words, you can challenge one of the lowest fortieth level spirit fighter teams, here the fortieth level teams are practically all silver spirit fighters, there are also a few gold spirit fighter teams. You can choose as you wish.”

Fortieth level? Flender was stunned a moment, immediately afterwards shaking his head,

“Then let it be.”

What is called ‘gentlemen love wealth, but grasps it the right way’, Flender still understood the reasoning of this.

Although in the spirit fighting ring, generally speaking none of the opponents died, he also wouldn’t let his disciples take risks for his benefit.

If there was a certain chance of victory without danger then a bit of profit wasn’t much, but demanding the Shrek Seven Devils take risks for profit, Flender still wouldn’t do it. Although miserly, he was after all principled.

“No, I think it’s possible.”

Grandmaster’s stiff voice echoed, unhurriedly strolling up to Flender’s side.

Flender frowned,

“Xiao Gang, what kind of joke is that? How is this possible, you also know the depth of a spirit ring gap. Don’t tell me you want to send the children to their death? Don’t forget that among them are three who haven’t reached the thirtieth level, confronting a fortieth level Spirit Master team, they won’t stand a chance.”

Grandmaster shook his head:

“Of course I wouldn’t let them take risks, Flender, there are still very many differences with fortieth level spirit fighter teams.”

Speaking, Grandmaster turned to the staff member,

“What you said just now, letting us pick our opponent, without question.”

The staff member nodded,

“Of course without question. Furthermore I can guarantee that this team spirit fight will be in the Central Main Spirit Arena.”

The circumstances of a level surpassing challenge very rarely appeared at a Great Spirit Arena, especially in a team fight. If it was a one versus one bout where one side’s spirit was especially outstanding, perhaps there would still be a chance to prevail over a one spirit ring gap. But team spirit fights were a collective effort, if the whole team was one spirit ring weaker than the opponents, how would there still be a fight? As a result, team level surpassing challenges were hardly ever seen. And without more than a few successful examples in the entire history of Great Spirit Arena, a level surpassing challenge was undoubtedly a kind of spirit fight that appealed to spectators, making it even easier to excite the audience. As long as the news went out, the Central Main Spirit Arena could anticipate a full audience. Such a good event, how could the spirit arena refuse?

Grandmaster continued:

“Among your fortieth level teams do you have one that is especially cruel? Best is that kind of team that every time kills or injures the

opponent. The higher the proportion of injuries the better.”

“Ah?”

The staff member startled looked at Grandmaster, thinking to himself, ‘don’t tell me this person want’s to have this team killed?’ Originally he thought Grandmaster would pick the weakest fortieth level team, he hadn’t expected him to say something like this.

Flender grabbed Grandmaster’s shoulder, bellowing,

“Xiao Gang, are you insane? You want to get the children killed?”

Grandmaster calmly smiled,

“Flender, do you think I would let the children get killed? Don’t worry, I have a reason.”

Flender stared blankly, yes, how would Grandmaster possibly let the children get killed. Especially his only disciple Tang San, who Grandmasters normally showed such concern for. Flender also saw that he looked at Tang San as if his own child, how would he let him take risks.

Grandmaster took advantage of Flender’s dull moment to once again question the staff member,

“Is there such a team?”

“Ah, yes. There is.”

The staff member finally reacted,

“Fiend Team^[14], fortieth level silver spirit fighter team, since entering the silver spirit fighter grade, forty six bouts and thirty one wins. Altogether they have killed opponents sixty three times. Injured opponents ninety eight times, called the ‘murder weapon’ of the silver spirit fighter teams. The majority of the silver spirit fighter teams are unwilling to face them since they play so hard.”

Grandmaster nodded satisfied,

“Good, then we will challenge this Fiend Team. Our team is called Shrek Seven Devils. Altogether seven members will fight.”

“Grandmaster.”

Seeing Grandmaster unexpectedly being so earnest, Zhao Wuji’s four teachers hastily gathered to prevent him.

Grandmaster shook his head to them, saying something in a low voice. At this it was like everyone saw the light, the worry on their faces fading away.

Flender somewhat hesitant said:

“But, is this alright?”

Grandmaster calmly said:

“Flender, this is also a kind of experience. Inevitably there will be a day when they must confront circumstances like these. Do you believe that having us at their side to guide them when they confront such circumstances, or letting them endure it on their own is better?”

Flender’s gaze collided with Grandmaster’s in midair, seeming to raise sparks. In the end he was still the one to yield, nodding:

“Fine, I hope you’re right.”

Grandmaster calmly smiled, saying:

“This is the best way to examine their mental qualities, it’s also something they must experience sooner or later.”

Flender looked at the other teachers, saying:

“Then, let’s decide it by vote. Everyone in favor of Grandmaster’s decision raise your hands. The minority defers to the majority.”

While speaking, Flender took the lead to raise his hand. After the other teachers hesitated a moment, they also one after another showed their agreement.

Grandmaster then turned to the staff member,

“Please help us set it up.”

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Meng Li's^[15] mood had been somewhat bad recently. As Fiend Team's captain, it was also no wonder he was depressed. Fiend Team already hadn't had a team spirit fight for half a month, for the simple reason that they suffered the collective boycott of all fortieth level silver spirit fighter teams. No team wanted to meet them in a spirit fight.

Since the founding of Fiend Team they had adopted mad dog tactics, Meng Li was always held up as tyrannically vicious. Vicious to scare people to death. In the previous team spirit fights, whatever their opponent, under his leadership the Fiend Team would all launch their wildest full strength attacks. Even if they lost, they still might kill the opponents.

Over time, whenever Fiend Team participated in team spirit fights, the opponents' spirit would first be overwhelmed. Even if clearly stronger than them, they still had a hard time winning.

But recently, Fiend Team had encountered problems. Because of their excessively vicious style, every silver spirit fighter team refused to meet them. Spirit Master cultivation wasn't easy, who wanted their companions to die in the spirit fighting ring? Occasional accidents were hard to avert, but if fighting Fiend Team, death was no accident, rather a certainty. In these kinds of circumstances, boycotting Fiend Team had become a common understanding among the fortieth level silver spirit fighter teams.

Notes

1. this chapter is very dangerous to men. please be advised. PG-N16 rating.
2. monarchy haven't completely ruled its subordinate countries as said in previous chapter..
3. (西尔维斯王国)
4. Next level cross country
5. “千金散尽还复来” - Part of a poem by 8th century poet Li Bai (李白). He had a positive outlook in life, thinking that he's talent had been recognized, he said that whatever he spent could eventually be earnt back.

6. MOE MOE MOE
7. *Wink Wink*
8. >< Onii sannnn
9. I cannut, i get diabetes
10. Face plant into ground. Becoming a tree now
11. Search urban dictionary. I had a good laugh there.
12. Idiom: Right and proper, or a matter of course
13. Idiom: A villain showing his true intentions.
14. (凶神战队)
15. (蒙厉) "Drizzle Severe"

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